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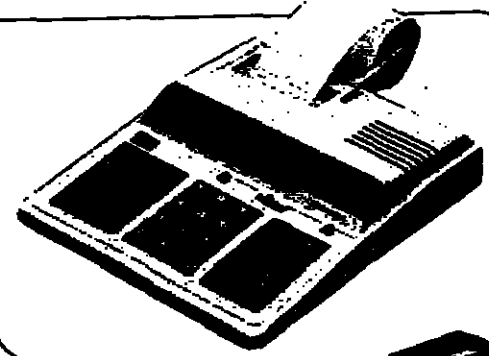


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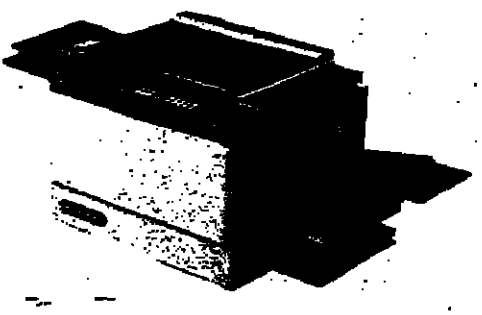
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While offering cooperation Andropov threatens crushing retaliation

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (AFP) — New Soviet leader Yuri Andropov Monday promised "honest co-operation" with all countries which so desired, but at the same time threatened a "crushing rebuff" to any attempt at aggression.

Andropov, named party secretary general Friday, was making the opening speech at the funeral Monday of his predecessor Leonid Brezhnev.

Before the representatives of some 70 countries present at the funeral, Andropov stated, in front of the still open coffin containing the body of Brezhnev, that the new Soviet leadership "will do everything possible for further increasing the cohesion of the great community of Socialist states."

Praising Brezhnev as a "glorious son of our

Huang gets top billing

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (R) — The Soviet leadership gave a warm welcome to Communist Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua at a Kremlin reception Monday, indicating Moscow's intention to push ahead with normalizing relations with Peking.

Communist Party Leader Yuri Andropov greeted Huang with a firm handshake and spent more than three minutes talking to him at a reception for foreign delegations after the funeral of President Leonid Brezhnev.

It was the longest conversation Andropov had with any foreign dignitary and it was clearly a mutually cordial exchange.

By contrast, U.S. Vice-President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz spoke to Andropov for barely half a minute. Observers at the reception in the Kremlin's St. George's Hall had the impression that Bush wanted to extend the exchange with Andropov but the Soviet party leader seemed indifferent.

Huang made an extremely conciliatory call in Peking Sunday to improve relations with Moscow.

Ceremony marks funeral

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was buried on Red Square with full state honors Monday in a ceremony resplendent in military pomp and Russian tradition.

Monday's elaborate ceremony, carried out in grey but relatively mild conditions, was watched by representatives of more than 70 countries, including more than 25 heads of state.

The guests walked to their places on a path along the Kremlin Wall, passing fragrant wreaths of fir branches bearing red ribbons

homeland," and promising to pursue his political line both at home and abroad. Andropov said that the Soviet Union would "guard and develop our solidarity with the countries that have gained freedom from colonial oppression, with the struggle of the peoples for national independence and social progress."

"We shall always be loyal to the cause of the struggle for peace, for the relaxation of international tension," he pledged.

Speaking from the Lenin Mausoleum in Red Square, Andropov said that "when the forces of imperialism are trying to push the peoples onto the road of hostility and military confrontations," the Soviet Union will maintain great vigilance...to give a crushing rebuff at any attempt at aggression. They will redouble their efforts in the struggle for the security of the peoples and strengthen cooperation with all the peace forces of the world. We are always ready for honest, equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with any state that is willing to cooperate."

The Soviet defense minister, Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, who followed Andropov on the speaker's platform, spoke of Brezhnev's support for his country's defense efforts as well as his work to promote international détente.

Andropov obviously decided to make his international debut a discreet one and to take refuge behind traditional rhetoric. But foreign diplomats in the Soviet capital had not expected any more substance. The Brezhnev funeral was inappropriate both in time and place for a political platform for the future.

Andropov faces the task of settling immediate problems and of revamping more in his own image the country's two top decision-making bodies, the politburo, which has lost some of its membership, and the party secretariat.

Although Andropov appeared to have taken the lead initially over his reported rival, Konstantin Chernenko — who, it was rumored, would be named the Brezhnev successor as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet — he cannot be expected to issue any spectacular directives for a time.

Stamping out Brezhnev's name in gold letters

Fidel Castro of Cuba, Poland's martial law ruler Wojciech Jaruzelski, India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and U.S. President George Bush saw the open casket.

Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua, Syrian President Hafez Assad, Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy on his first visit to Moscow, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, outgoing Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Swedish Premier Olof Palme were also among the guests.

Brezhnev's body was carried by army officers out of Moscow's Hall of Columns, where it has been long in state since Friday. His closed coffin, draped in Red and Black, was placed on a gun carriage for the short journey to Red Square.

An olive-green army scout car towed the carriage into the square where long lines of troops and thousands of civilian mourners stood stiffly to attention.

A procession of officers carrying eight huge wreaths and bearing Brezhnev's medals on cushions preceded the cortege. His widow Viktoriya and other members of the family followed slowly behind, accompanied by four members of the Party politburo. The procession halted before the red-marble Lenin Mausoleum on which the party leadership had taken up position.

In keeping with the burial rites of the Soviet Union Brezhnev's coffin was opened and then placed on a bier facing the mausoleum, the dead leader's face and chest clearly visible. As the clock on the nearby Spassky Tower of the Kremlin struck 12, Andropov opened the burial ceremony with a speech.

Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov then delivered a five-minute eulogy and was followed by three other speakers, including a worker from a Moscow factory. After the speeches Brezhnev's coffin, still open, was carried slowly to its final resting place behind the mausoleum.

Morocco to attend OAU summit

RABAT, Nov. 15 (R) — Morocco, which boycotted an Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting earlier this year, will attend OAU ministerial talks starting in Tripoli Monday, officials said. (Editorial comment page 6)

Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta will lead the Moroccan delegation but is currently in Moscow attending the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev. In the meantime, the delegation will be led by Abdelhaq Tazi, secretary of state for foreign affairs, who left for the Libyan capital Sunday, the officials said.

Morocco led 21 African states in a boycott of talks for the 19th summit in July and August, and the summit itself could not be held for lack of a quorum. Morocco was protesting against the presence of a Polisario guerrilla front delegation representing the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) which has decided "voluntarily and temporarily" not to attend the reconvened summit due to open next week.

GCC renews efforts to end Gulf war

RIYADH, Nov. 15 — The Gulf Cooperation Council, GCC, will double its efforts to bring about a peaceful end to the Iran-Iraq war and a committee will be formed to visit world capitals to bring pressure to bear on Iran to accept a settlement, according to *Al-Riyadh* newspaper Monday. The newspaper said that the Kingdom and Kuwait have been authorized to take the initiative in this regard. The visits will cover Washington, Moscow, and other key capitals concerned with the 25-month-old war in the Gulf region.

Quoting unidentified sources in Manama, the newspaper said the committee will seek to persuade Iran to accept mediation. The last GCC summit came out strongly in favor of a peaceful settlement of the war and supported Iraq's efforts in this direction.

Meanwhile Iraqi forces have repelled an Iranian attack in the Missan region, 250 kilometers southeast of Baghdad, killing 374 Iraqis and wounding many more.

Kingdom leads list of donors

RIYADH, Nov. 15 (SPA) — Preliminary figures indicate that Saudi Arabia was the world's largest aid donor in 1981, extending even more financial assistance than the United States, *Opecna* has said, in a despatch from Vienna.

Saudi Arabian aid totaled \$5.798 billion last year, the Kingdom is a leading member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Topping the U.S. figure of \$5.780 billion, *Opecna* quoted Ibrahim Shihata, director-general of the OPEC fund for International Development, as saying.

In 1975 Saudi Arabia gave 5.62 percent of its gross national product (GNP) as aid, 3.66 percent in 1980 and 4.49 percent in 1981. By comparison, the United States aid figure of \$5.780 billion represents 0.24 percent of its GNP in 1979 standing at \$2,368.8 billion.

A source pointed out that while Saudi Arabia's aid benefits many Third World countries, almost half of the U.S. aid goes to Israel and Europe, *Opecna* said.

S. Yemen, Oman ratify agreement

MUSCAT, Nov. 15 (AP) — Oman and South Yemen on Monday ratified an agreement to end 15 years of hostility between the two neighboring Arab nations.

The agreement which was drawn up last month calls for the establishment of normal relations between the pro-Western Sultanate of Oman and Soviet-backed South Yemen. The two states are to respect each other's sovereignty and borders.

Oman and South Yemen have been at odds for the last 15 years. Oman has criticized South Yemen for providing the Soviet Union with a naval base while South Yemen has denounced Oman serving as a base for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

Hussein to meet with Mitterrand

PARIS, Nov. 15 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan, heading the special committee of seven formed at the last Arab summit, will meet with President Francois Mitterrand Tuesday to discuss the latest Arab proposals for peace in the Middle East.

The committee was formed in Fez, Morocco, in September after the Arab countries devised their peace plan for solving the Middle East crisis. The committee was charged with explaining the plan to the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. The committee also plans to visit Moscow, Peking and London. The group already has visited the United States under the chairmanship of Morocco's King Hassan.

French officials have said that the Arab plan is a good basis for discussion in efforts to solve the Arab-Israeli crisis, but Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said recently that it was insufficient and that recognition of Israel must be explicit.

Morocco to attend OAU summit

King Hassan of Morocco said 10 days ago that Morocco would attend the summit "if legality is restored" and if the question of the Western Sahara was not on the agenda. The agenda is to be drafted by the foreign ministers meeting starting Monday.

Moroccan government leaders have also said another condition for Morocco's participation in the summit was that resolutions adopted by the previous summit in Nairobi must be applied.

The resolutions called for a cease-fire in the Western Sahara and the Organization of a self-determination referendum in the disputed territory under United Nations and OAU supervision to allow the population to decide its own future.

The resolutions were accepted by Morocco. Officials here say that under international law the fact that African heads of state decided to hold a referendum meant that there was no Saharan state and, therefore, the SADR had no right to be an OAU member.

Of Lebanon Gemayel parleys stress rebuilding

RIYADH, Nov. 15 (Agencies) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel left Saudi Arabia Monday after two days of talks on Arab support to Lebanon's reconstruction efforts and the connection between a future Lebanese settlement and the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Gemayel was seen off at the airport by King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah, Defense Minister Sultan and other top-ranking officials.

Before boarding the plane, President Gemayel warmly thanked King Fahd and Saudi people and government for the support and help extended to Lebanon. He said he was grateful, as the aid had gone a long way in alleviating the suffering of Lebanon. The latter, he added, was sincere friend of Saudi Arabia as the presence of thousands of Lebanese working here and sharing in the Kingdom's development proves.

"Lebanon was not and will not be an arena for terrorism or violence," the Lebanese president said in a statement distributed by the Saudi Press Agency. "Lebanon is an inalienable castle for security, justice and democracy."

"We came here to affirm, as we did in New York, Washington, Paris, Rome the Vatican and Rabat that Lebanon insists on salvage and on returning to the exercise of its pioneering role" in the Middle East, Gemayel added.

"The whole world should reciprocate with honesty to Lebanon, whose people have the right to expect such honesty and to enjoy stability — to return to normal living in this area," he added.

Gemayel's statement said the need to save Lebanon "has become an Arab need" and pledged to "spare no effort for salvaging Lebanon from the game of equilibrium of conflicts played in the region."

The Lebanese president said he laid special emphasis on relations with Saudi Arabia for the sake of "enabling Lebanon to start reconstructing itself."

Earlier, Information Minister Muhammad

Abdo Yamani said that parleys between King and President Gemayel were fruitful and have strengthened fraternal links and cordial relations between the two countries. They constituted a renewed drive to intensify efforts at all Arab and international levels to liberate Lebanon and enable it to impose its legitimate authority throughout its territories, thereby recovering its lost security, stability and prosperity.

Dr. Yamani added that King Fahd has reviewed with President Gemayel the various aspects of the Middle East tangle. They also examined together the dangers lying ahead of Lebanon as a result of the continued Israeli occupation. The two leaders rejected all that is inconsistent with the aspirations of the Arab world and anything likely to affect Arab solidarity as concretized at the Fez summit. They hailed the efforts being made to insure the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon's territories, and proclaimed their intention to mobilize all efforts for the fostering of Arab solidarity.

Fahd brings light to Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov. 15 (AFP) — King Fahd has offered to pay the bill for restoring and running Beirut's street lights, it was reported Monday.

The King has already commissioned a local contractor to clean up the city and shift the rubble left by the recent fighting.

The city's chief administrator Shafiq Sarkuk, quoted Monday by newspapers said King Fahd — had called for surveys on various lighting projects. The work would be carried out by the Lebanese firm Oger-Liban owned by Saudi businessman Rafiq Hariri. Since the war many of Beirut's main arteries are still mired at night.

Walesa denies deal with state

GDANSK, Nov. 15 (AFP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said Monday he had been surprised and suspicious at his release from martial law internment last week, declaring that he had made no deals with the military government for his liberation. (Related story on page 16).

"During 11 months of internment I signed nothing, I made no commitment and I promised nothing," Walesa told a press conference at his home here, where he returned late Sunday.

Asked if he would support the "new unions" with which the government is trying to replace Solidarity, he said he remained "faithful to the Gdansk accords of August 1980, which envisioned a pluralistic unionism."

"No one who believes in democracy could be opposed to this pluralism," he said. "Any one who does is against the Gdansk accords."

Walesa said if he had to do over again, he would change nothing. "All my activity is founded on the Gdansk accords and on their spirit, and this spirit is inviolable," he said.

He said he had no wish to "knock out, overthrow or demolish anything," but to "work for the development of Poland and to accomplish whatever is possible to accomplish in the situation in which we find ourselves."

But the Solidarity leader refused, without

explanation, to stipulate exactly when he was released from the government lodge at Arlamow in southern Poland, leaving doubts as to his whereabouts between the time his release was announced by the government last Saturday, and his appearance Sunday.

He did say, however, that he was taken Sunday to the Warsaw suburb of Orswick, where he had spent the first six months of his internment, and then to police headquarters where he was lectured for three-and-a-half hours on the penal code and state of siege legislation.

Three trucks and two cars of Zovo riot control police were parked some 500 meters from the Walesa home Monday. Slogans, flags and banners that had appeared on and around his home Sunday were removed or whitewashed over during the night.

Walesa said he was reluctant to talk specifically of the future because he had been "misinformed of the situation." He said he wept for those still interned under martial law. "My heart is with them," he said. "I would do anything in my power to free them... I would do it by peaceful means."

Observers said the military government appeared intent on downplaying Walesa's release. Neither radio, television nor the press carried any mention of his return to Gdansk.

Brazilians exercise vote

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov. 15 (AP) — Brazil's nearly 60 million registered voters began voting Monday in the freest elections in Latin America's biggest country since the armed forces took power 18 years ago.

People already were in line when polling stations set up in schools, government offices and athletic clubs opened at 8 a.m. (1100 GMT). Precincts visited by the Associated Press in major cities were directing voters to cardboard voting booths in an orderly manner.

"It's taking voters longer to mark their ballots than we expected," said Mario Simas, president of Rio's 22nd electoral section near famous Copacabana beach. "But that's probably because there are many candidates."

President Joao Figueiredo, a retired army general who was promised a return to civilian rule, said Sunday night he hoped voters would pick officials who would "help democracy."

The president, speaking on television, called the elections for state governors, federal congressmen, state legislators and municipal officials "a great moment." He said he was confident his fellow countrymen would reject adventurers.

Figueiredo voted early in Brasilia, the capital, for officials in Rio de Janeiro, his permanent residence.

Campaign workers from Brazil's five parties were at the doors of many polling stations handing out model ballots with the names of their candidates already filled in. They urged voters who still were undecided to simply copy those names on their real ballots.

This is illegal, but policemen patrolling voting precincts tended to look the other way. The military regime's Democratic Social

Party (PDS) is facing a challenge from four opposition parties. The opposition includes Socialists and other leftists who were annexed by Figueiredo in 1979 and allowed to return to politics.

Tens of thousands of soldiers, state troopers and policemen were on hand at polling stations throughout the vast nation to prevent violence, after a heated two-month campaign that resulted in numerous shootings, knifings and beatings.

The latest victim was decedies Carneiro Siqueira, who was shot to death in the central state of Goias Saturday when he was putting up campaign posters for his cousin, a candidate for governor.

The presidency is not at stake, as Figueiredo's term runs until 1985. But the officials elected now will form the electoral college which will pick the nation's next president.

The Rio newspaper *Jornal do Brasil* termed Monday "a key date in the definitive restructuring of Brazil as a democratic state."

Pre-election polls showed the PDS leading in a slight majority of Brazil's 23 states but losing in strategic spots such as Rio and Sao Paulo.

Armed forces leaders here back Figueiredo's election program but have cautioned against "disorder." Some military chiefs have made veiled criticism of Leonel Brizola, a leftist political leader who returned from exile under the presidential amnesty and now is the front running candidate for governor of Rio de Janeiro state.

Other well-known candidates include former President Jamio Quadros and labor leader Luis Inacio, both running for governor of Sao Paulo on opposition tickets.

IINA speaker implores sympathy for Zionists

By Ahmad Shaaban

TUNIS, Nov. 15 — The representative of nearly one billion Muslims here Monday deplored Western media's sympathy for the Zionist movement, despite its innumerable wrong doings and recent butcheries in Lebanon.

Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Jeddah-based 43-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Monday said that despite the fact that Zionism was showing its ugly face, disregarding moral values, scoffing

U.S. delegation completes visit

By Gregory Llewellyn

RIYADH, Nov. 15 — A seven-man U.S. congressional delegation wrapped up a two-week fact-finding mission of the Middle East with a whirlwind visit to the Eastern Province Monday to meet American citizens residing here.

Headed by Indiana Democrat, Lee Hamilton, chairman of the Europe and Middle East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the group discussed both the Arab and the Reagan peace plans for the Middle East.

Freezing cold weather caused Hail blackouts

HAIL, Nov. 15 — Freezing cold weather here during the past few days has plunged the area in a total blackout, *Ola* reported. One of the main turbines at Hail Electric Power Plant froze Sunday and stopped, cutting off the power supply in some districts and main streets for short periods.

A spokesman for the maintenance section

at international law, endangering world peace and security and committing daily crimes in occupied Palestine. Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem), Lebanon and the Golan Heights, it is still enjoying such sympathy in full.

Addressing the general assembly of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA), also based in Jeddah, Chatti said that such support was due to the fact that the Zionists controlled the Western media. He deplored the Islamic world's inability to let its voice be heard and win over public opinion in the West through its information devices. He said that the nascent news agency offered very good perspectives.

Chatti, a one time journalist and foreign minister of Tunisia, regretted the ongoing dependency of Islamic countries on alien sources in the information field. He said that such a dependency has reached such an extent that some time distorted facts about the Islamic world are propagated within the OIC countries by the foreign media.

The OIC secretary general regretted that, during the present Islamic international regeneration movement, Islam's opponents were opposing the Islamic countries and people rather than try to understand their problems and aspirations and cooperate with them for the welfare and prosperity of mankind.

said that overload was also one of the factors that led to the blackouts. The load started with 26,000 kilowatts to reach 31,000 KW last Wednesday. It is even expected to rise to 35,000 KW. The plant has only three turbines; but a fourth one is planned within a month.

Valued at SR500m Jouf city projects approved

JOUF, Nov. 15 (SPA) — SR500 million worth of municipal projects are under construction or have been commissioned in the Jouf Region, Northern Region municipal and rural affairs director general, Ibrahim Al-Musallam said Monday. The projects include the water, drainage and sewage program development in Sikaka which costs SR400 million.

Work is underway on a SR15.5 million project for asphaltting the King Khaled Street in Sikaka, Musallam said. The work site has been handed over to the contractor for the second phase of asphaltting, paving and illuminating King Fahd Street in the town at a cost of SR20 million, he added. Approval by higher authorities is awaited

for the implementation of the third and fourth phases of asphaltting, paving and illuminating planned streets in Sikaka's modern residential area. The project will cost SR31 million, Musallam said.

Surveys have been completed for the older residential areas of Sikaka and replanning has been made for the 10 streets. The street projects are being evaluated and owners of expropriated land will be compensated, Musallam said.

A SR8 million asphaltting, paving and illuminating project has been awarded for Dawmat Al-Jandal, in addition to a SR6.5 million asphaltting, paving and lighting project in the village complex. A similar SR4 million project is underway in the town of Jarjal, the municipal director said.

BRIEFS

Yamani, Rocard meet
RIYADH, (SPA) — Petroleum and Minerals Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani conferred Monday with French Planning Minister Michel Rocard. The French minister also met with Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taber. Talks in the two meetings dealt with cooperation in petroleum and minerals between the two countries and benefiting from French expertise in these fields.

Pakistan official expected
JEDDAH, — Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Pakistan minister for information and broadcasting, will pay a visit to the Kingdom to perform Umra and visit the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah from Nov. 17 to Nov. 19. Zafar-ul-Haq will arrive from Tunis after attending the general assembly meeting of the IINA.

College toured
UNAIZAH, (SPA) — Qassim Governor

Prince Abdul Ilah visited Monday the Management and Economic Sciences College here affiliated to the Qassim branch of King Saud University. He toured the college's departments and met with teaching staff and students. He said he was happy to see that students from Qassim and outside the region have enrolled the college and he hoped to see the Qassim branch a beginning for a university.

Joint venture taking over at Lockheed

RIYADH, Nov. 15 — A company was set up here this month under the name of Lockheed Arabian Limited to take over the activities so far performed by the U.S. Lockheed Cony, *Al-Madinah* reported.

The new company is a joint venture between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. holding company, with each party to covering half of the initial SR10 million capital. Lockheed Arabian Limited will take over immediately.

Among the activities of the nascent firm will be electronic communications, airspace maintenance projects and electronic training.

Lockheed Arabian Ltd. will be headquartered here. It already set up a technology exhibition in which patterns of its diverse activities in the various fields were displayed.

A U.S. team of Lockheed experts led by Roy Anderson, the board chairman and executive director of the company came especially from the United States to supervise the exhibition at the Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel. More than 3,200 personnel from the American Lockheed Company are working in the new firm.

SAPTCO increases intercity services

RIYADH, Nov. 15 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) will further boost its intercity passenger lines by opening new routes between Madinah and Qassim, Riyadh and Kharij and Jubail and the Royal Commission site.

The company linked the Kingdom's eastern and western coasts Saturday by operating a new link between Jeddah and Dammam. Luxurious buses are being used and a one-way ticket costs SR190.

Transport Undersecretary, Ahmad Yusuf Al-Turki, also chairman of the SAPTCO board, has said that the company introduced innovations to the Jeddah to Madinah service by increasing two express trips. This brings the total daily buses between the two cities to 11 trips, which increase to 18 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Jeddah officials close more than 414 shops

JEDDAH, Nov. 15 — Jeddah Municipality closed more than 414 shops here last month, *Al-Madinah* reported. Inspectors of the Environmental Health and Central Markets Department found that the shops were not observing hygienic rules. At the same time, the department has issued 183 new licenses and 1,376 health cards. More than 4,579 shops were inspected and 1,604 were served warnings for their violating the rules for the first time.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:07	5:13	4:44	4:34	4:58	5:31
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:05	12:06	11:38	11:24	11:49	12:18
Assr (Afternoon)	3:16	3:13	2:44	2:29	2:53	3:20
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:40	5:36	5:07	4:51	5:15	5:41
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Lear Fan capitalization denotes Saudi confidence

By Terry Larkin

LONDON, Nov. 15 (LPS) — A Saudi Arabian-led consortium has announced it will provide between £35 million and £40 million to capitalize the development of Lear Fan business and executive aircraft. Economic analysts are observing the decision as a demonstration of the confidence of overseas businessmen in Britain.

The Lear Fan company, a subsidiary of the Lear Avia Corporation, of the United States will be taken over by a U.S. group called Fan Holdings Inc., based in Delaware, following the investment.

Bob Burch, new chairman of the manufacturers, is an independent operator in the oil industry in Denver and has never before been involved with aerospace. He says he and his fellow investors believe the Lear Fan will be the leading corporate aircraft as far into the future as they can see.

The British government, which has already provided £34 million for the Lear Fan project, is expected to invest a further £10 million. The Northern Ireland Department of Economic Development will have a 5 percent holding in Lear Fan. A limited partnership, which has already contributed £17 million to the program, and the family of the late Bill Lear, the U.S. aviation innovator who conceived the Lear Fan, will also have shares.

Vote of confidence

Adam Butler, the Northern Ireland minister responsible for economic matters, described the action of the consortium as "a vote of confidence in the plane ... and a vote of confidence in Northern Ireland as a place

to invest."

The Lear Fan is unique among civil aircraft because of its carbon fiber airframe and its power arrangement. The prototype is said to be performing well in flight tests in the United States where the company has 400 people engaged on research, at Reno, Nevada.

The aim now is to get the Lear Fan into full production and to start deliveries in a year's time, following the award of a certificate of airworthiness by the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority.

Advance orders total 273 aircraft, worth around £175 million, and the objective is to increase production to between 20 and 30 aircraft a month.

The Lear Fan company was set up in Northern Ireland in 1980 with a factory at Newtonabbey, on the outskirts of Belfast, and assembly operations at the city's Aldergrove airport. It has so far spent £70 million on development.

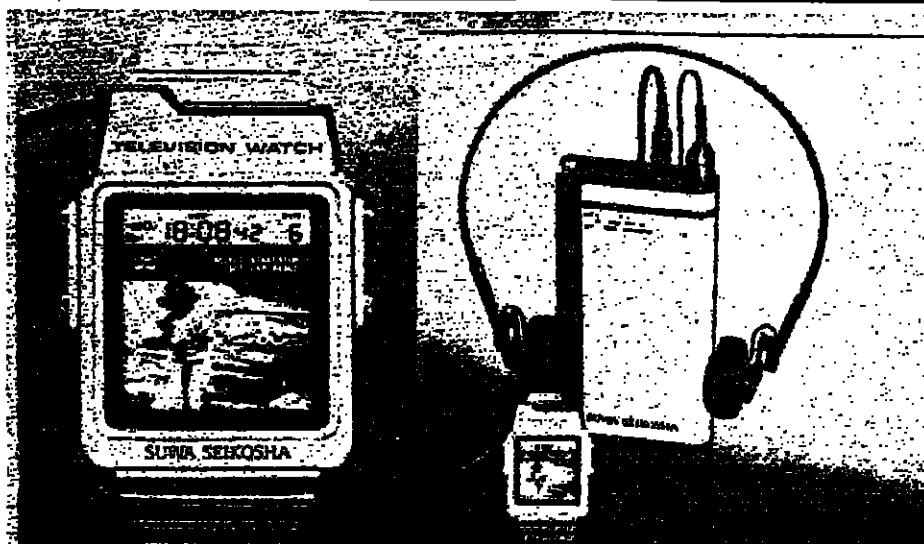
Fuel efficient

The twin-engine, turboprop Lear Fan is said to consume only around a third of the fuel of small business jets of comparable size.

Its carbon fiber construction gives it aerodynamic contours which would be almost impossible to produce in aluminium.

The Lear Fan's two engines drive into one gearbox at the rear, which in turn drives one propeller. It is expected to cruise some 20 percent faster than its competitors and out-climb them. However, it is in the event of an engine failure that the design comes into its own.

Conventional twin-engine aircraft are pulled forward by the engine on each wing.



LCD-TV WATCH: This watch, unveiled by Seiko last June in Tokyo, features a wrist-watch TV, a pocket-sized receiver and a pair of lightweight headphones.

Beginning this January

LCD-TV watch premiers; 820 models to be introduced

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 15 — Seiko is planning to introduce 820 new watch models during the span of four months, beginning January 1983 in the Kingdom. According to Abdul Rahman Al-Hussaini, general manager of Al-Hussaini & Company which is the sole distributor of Seiko watches in the Kingdom, said presently 2,500 models are being sold through 25 retail showrooms and 700 dealers.

"Seiko was the first watch company to enter the Kingdom's market," Hussaini said. "Every three months it changes its models."

He said Seiko's "TV-watch" will be introduced in the Kingdom sometime in January. Suwa Seikosha Limited, one of the two main watch manufacturing companies in the Seiko group, unveiled the LCD TV-watch at a press conference in Tokyo in June this year, sending a shock wave through the watch industry with this breakthrough. The TV-watch has three components—a wrist television unit, a

pocket-sized receiver and a pair of light-weight headphones.

Among the 820 new models to be introduced in the Kingdom, two models—D409 and 7A28—stand out as the "world firsts." "Calibre D409 is the first watch with seven memories that can be recalled at the push of a button. Up to 112 letters and number can be entered such as names, telephone numbers, addresses, bank account numbers, appointments, and personal codes," the general manager said. In addition, the watch has a built-in chronograph with lap function, which shows day/date, displays both year and month, and has an alarm.

Calibre 7A28 features four independent step motors. In addition to the main face with its large sweep hand, there are three independent sub-hands which indicate the elapsed time in minutes, seconds and 1/10th seconds. Time is shown accurately to 1/10th of a second up to 30 minutes. The watch is one of the thinnest chronographs made. Other features of the watch are split function, a two-year battery, and ease of repair.

More than 380,000 telephones expected in W. Province this year

JEDDAH, Nov. 15 — Telephones in the Western Province are expected to total more than 380,000 by the end of the current financial year, ending on March 14, *Al-Madina* reported. By Oct. 17, 1982, there were 340,000 phones in the area.

Underground telephone cable installations totaled 700,000 meters last month. Also, 85 percent of all telephones reported out of order were repaired within eight hours during the same period (until Oct. 17). Only 75 percent were expected to be repaired.

A Saudi Telephone spokesman said that pay phone booths in the area totaled 3,250. He added that 16,200 officials, out of a target 16,750 for Saudi Telephone, were employed in the area by last Oct. 17.

Pilgrimage committee

The committee supervising the activities of the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Tele-

3,000 phone line expansion planned in Tabuk

TABUK, Nov. 15 (SPA) — A 3,000-line automatic telephone exchange will open in the town of Taima next month and expansion is planned of the network for the area. A SR300,000 contract has already been awarded to a national company to expand the telephone network as to serve 800 subscribers.

A second contract is to be signed soon to

phones at the pilgrimage sites met here last Thursday under Rabie Sadeq Dahlan, director general of Saudi Telephone and Telex for the Western Province.

After the meeting, Dahlan told reporters that 99 percent of plans set for the latest pilgrimage period had been fulfilled. The committee decided to procure 200 more pay-coin phones for Makkah and the holy places to cater with the pilgrims' telephone requirements. The ministry will be asked to allocate the necessary funds.

The committee decided that telegraph, telephone and telex services should be provided to the pilgrims from one place, for their comfort. During this year's pilgrimage season, long distance calls to 48 countries did not take more than a few seconds, Dahlan said. Moreover, 974 calls to Cairo were made from pay-phones, he added.

add another 300 subscribers to the service.

The Tabuk Telephone and Telex Department places great importance on training Saudi Arabian personnel. Trainees during the three past months numbered 178 persons. After six months, trainees will increase to 305. Now, leading administrative posts are occupied by national personnel 100 percent.

Taif schools commission SR197m construction plans

TAIF, Nov. 15 — Educational projects in this summer resort city and its suburbs total some SR197 million, according to Saad Abdul Wahid, the director of the area's educational department, *Al-Bilad* reported.

Projects under implementation include the construction of a headquarters for the department; a student hostel; 16 model primary schools; six intermediate schools; and four secondary schools. Certain projects were commissioned recently, but the implementation hasn't yet started. These include three primary schools; two intermediate schools and a secondary school. The projects will cost a total of SR197,284,537.

This year, the department inaugurated six elementary schools, including two in Taif one in Hawayyah, and three in the suburbs. A secondary school was also opened at Al-Shobada District.

Hospital patients in new building

TAIF, Nov. 15 — The interned female patients of Taif's psychiatric hospital were moved last Wednesday to a new building behind the hospital, comprising 300 beds. *Okaz* reported.

The move is meant to alleviate pressure from the old building which has 1,400 patients, though its capacity cannot accommodate more than 600. The new building was temporarily furnished recently, while another 200-bed building is being prepared.

In other news, Taif Mayor Dr. Hassan Hamzah said that Al-Diwan tunnel here has cost a total SR110 million. It starts from the Electricity Company and ends up at Al-Salama Triangle. Total length of the tunnel, including the diversions leading to it or from it, is 1,600 meters. The tunnel's corridor measures 700 meters, while the covered part measures 400. The width is 45 meters for the six lanes—three in each direction. The internal height is 5.5 meters.

Welfare society budget approved

AHSA, Nov. 15 (SPA) — The Battalia Welfare Society's budget for charity projects during the fiscal year 1982-83 amounts to SR2.1 million. Society Director Nasser Al-Sheikh said Monday that SR200,000 has been allocated for renovation of mosques.

Other programs include helping needy families, health services, aid for married persons and students.

"SR60,000 has been allocated for renovating houses while SR21,880 has been contributed to cover expenses of a mothers' center operated by the society," Al-Sheikh said.

The society also will implement other public service programs, including assistance for the winter season, Ramadan, Eid and other activities for the benefit of the handicapped. SR46,000 has been allocated for these services.



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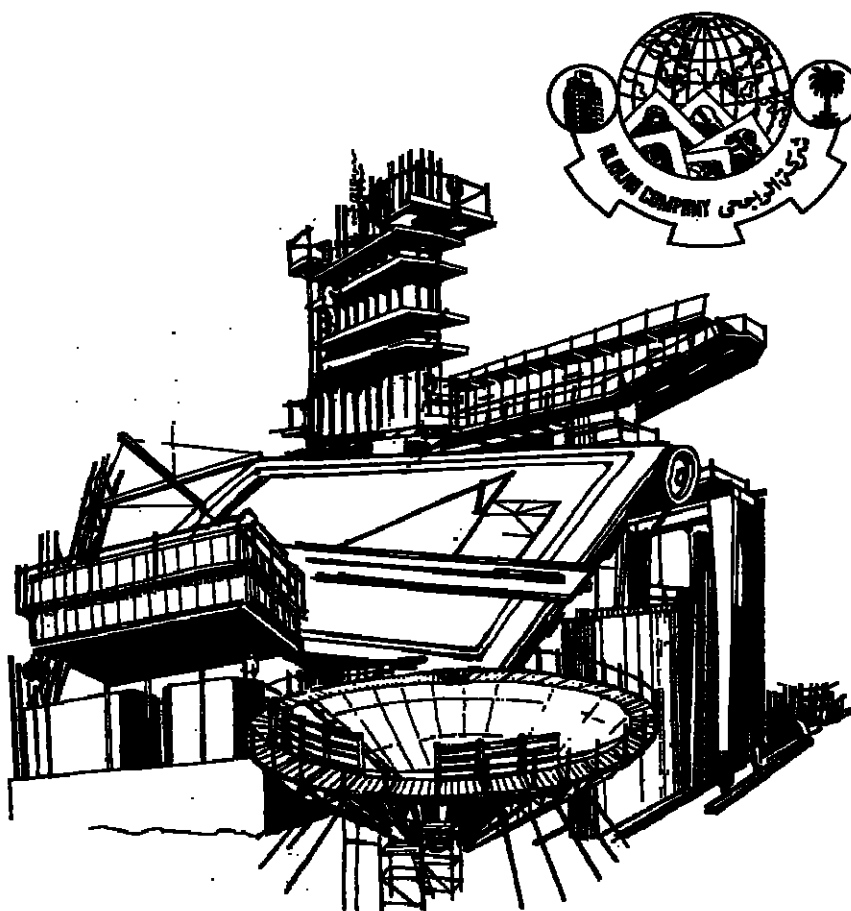
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Arafat said planning parley with Mubarak

Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was expected to visit Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, the Syrian Arab newspaper *Al-Riyadh* reported Monday.

Israelis boost troops in Chouf

BEIRUT, Nov. 15 (AP) — Israeli soldiers were seen hauling tank and troop reinforcements to the Chouf mountain region, east of the Lebanese capital, where fighting continues between rightist Christian and leftist Druze militia. Witnesses said they saw an Israeli convoy of a dozen tanks and 40 armored troop carriers on the Lebanese coastal highway at Damour about 17 kms south of Beirut and heading for the Chouf region. Violence in the area has increased recently with 20 people killed in one week.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israeli military authorities have prohibited 13 foreign professors from continuing to teach at the Palestinian university of Bir Zeit on the occupied West Bank and ordered them to leave the country when their visas expire, it was reported Monday.

KARACHI, (AP) — Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of hanged former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has gone to her Karachi hospital for an officially announced meeting with her jailed daughter Benazir Bhutto, 54, suffering from suspected lung cancer, has been allowed to travel abroad for treatment but she refused to leave her first meeting her daughter who has been detained for about three years in her prison near Larkana north of Karachi.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Aizla Begin was

Citing no sources, the paper said Arafat and Mubarak were to discuss a "framework" for PLO-Egyptian cooperation for the coming stage of Palestinian action to regain Arab rights from Israel.

The PLO joined other Arab states in breaking off relations with Egypt in 1979 protest against its peace treaty links with Israel.

Arafat, *Al-Riyadh* said, will explore with Mubarak the feasibility of making Cairo a "takeoff point" for Palestinian political action. It said that Arafat wants Cairo to be headquarters for his projected provisional government, which is to be formed after the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile) meeting in Algeria sometime next January.

Arafat also will ask Mubarak to permit the "Voice of Palestine" radio to resume broadcasting from Cairo, said the paper. It added that Arafat presided over a recent meeting of the PLO Supreme Military Council in Tunis, where the results of the Lebanese crisis were discussed.



DEAD BODY: Israeli soldiers carry a dead body from the scene of destruction at the Israeli military headquarters in Tyre, South Lebanon, after a booby-trapped car bomb leveled the multi-story building Thursday. The death toll from the explosion has reached 90.

Israeli minister rules out sabotage in Tyre explosion

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (AP) — A senior cabinet minister has claimed that the explosion that killed 90 people in Israel's military headquarters in Tyre, South Lebanon, was an accident and not sabotage. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told reporters Sunday after hearing details of a military inquiry into the blast presented at Sunday's cabinet session that "we do not know what is the cause but it certainly is not a sabotage action. That's what the army tells us."

A cabinet source, however, said that the cause of the explosion was still not clear and did not rule out a bomb. He said it would take several more days to determine the cause.

Israel radio quoted a military source as saying: "I am surprised how well Mordechai managed to misunderstand what (military) Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan told the cabinet. (Eytan) emphasized that it was

too early to give a one-sided reason for the explosion in Tyre."

A military spokesman said all hypotheses were "mere speculation."

Mordechai's statement was the first official word to affirm that the explosion which leveled the seven-story building was not caused by sabotage. But engineers and explosives experts working at the scene have commented on the building's weak foundations and the failure to find signs of explosives.

The Palestinians have claimed responsibility for the blast and reliable sources say this courageous act was carried out by the Fedayeen. The blast has been a morale booster for the inhabitants of occupied South Lebanon who feel it may speed up the withdrawal of the Zionist invaders.

Shouting 'Down with Andropov' Afghan seeks German asylum

FRANKFURT, Nov. 15 (AP) — Shouting "Down with Andropov," a flight engineer on Afghanistan's Afghan Airlines asked for political asylum during a stopover at Frankfurt's Airport Sunday night, an airport spokesman said. The man, who was identified only as Tukhi, was taken into the airport and was being interviewed in protective custody by West German authorities there, an airport spokesman said.

The spokesman said the man, an engineer on Afghan Airlines flight 702 from London to Moscow and Kabul, waited until the

scheduled stopover in Frankfurt was over and it was time for the plane to take off before announcing his intentions over the airplane's loudspeaker.

The man shouted "Down with Andropov—Freedom for Afghanistan," the spokesman said. The pilot did not take off and instead took the plane to a waiting strip at the airport. West German border police and airport security came to the plane to meet the man and told the other passengers to leave the plane, the spokesman said.

U.S. aide holds talks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 15 (AP) — U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger left Pakistan for India Monday after three days of wide-ranging talks on the strategic situation in the region.

Eagleburger told reporters he had a "very good brief" of how Pakistan views its security in the face of a massive Soviet presence just across the border. He did not go into details.

Turkey, U.S. sign military accord

ANKARA, Nov. 15 (AP) — Turkey and the United States have signed an agreement to allow storage of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) military equipment at certain Turkish airports, the U.S. ambassador announced here.

In an interview with the English language *Daily News*, Robert Strauss said, however, that the terms of the agreement were "secret" and that he could not disclose the number of airports concerned. He said the

bases concerned were not only in eastern Turkey but scattered over the whole country.

The Turkish defense minister told AFP that about 10 Turkish airports were currently being modernized. But he said the work had been planned for some time and was covered by the current five-year expense plan for NATO infrastructure.

Strauss also said U.S. military aid to Turkey for 1983 would amount to \$460 million — a \$65 million boost from this year.

78 extremists released in Egypt

CAIRO, Nov. 15 (AP) — Prosecution authorities Monday ordered the release of 78 persons held in custody on suspicion of belonging to extremist groups blamed for last year's assassination of President Anwar Sadat, the Middle East News Agency said. This was the third group freed this month. Earlier releases involved 256 people.

Thousands of religious extremists were rounded up following Sadat's assassination during a military parade Oct. 6. Many of them have been released, but several hundreds are still held and 302 of them have already been indicted on charges of conspiracy to overthrow the regime and establish an Iranian-style fundamentalist government.



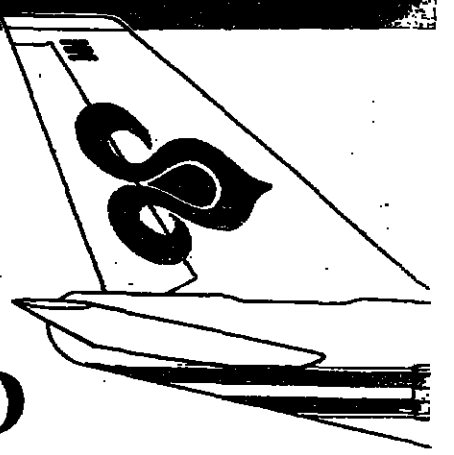
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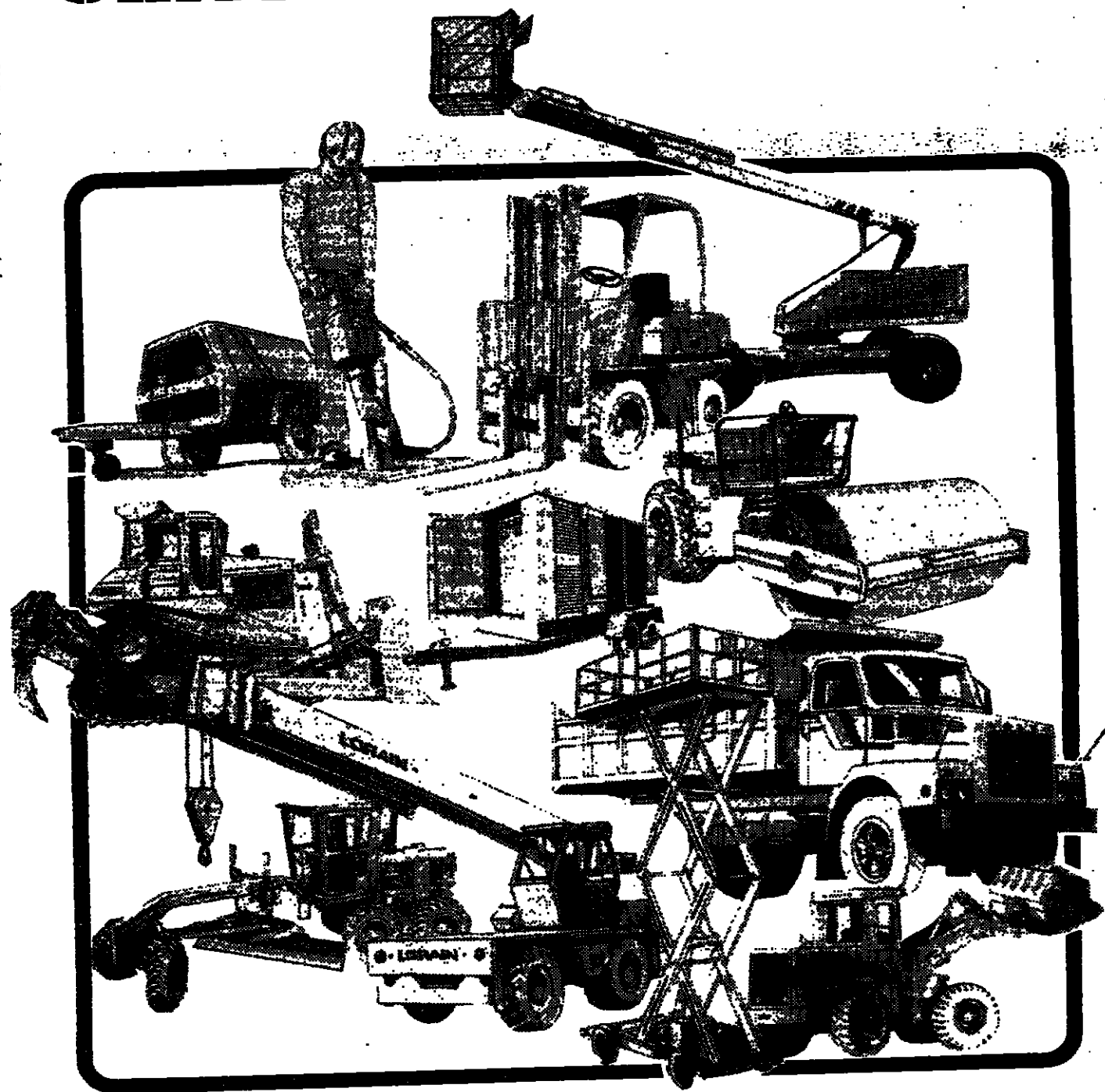
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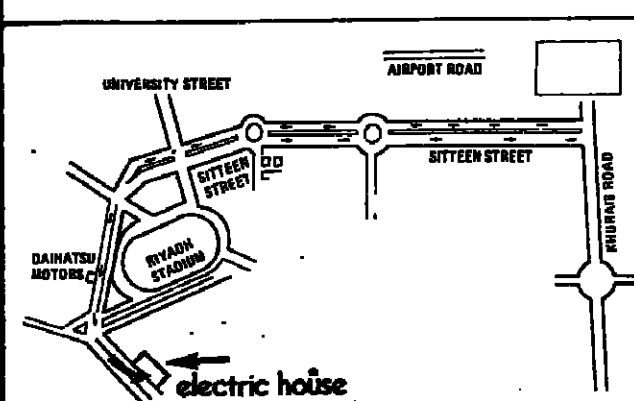
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Morocco has done well to agree to attend the reconvened summit of the Organization of African Unity in order to clear the air and provide a momentum toward peace in the region. The previously proposed summit failed to come about precisely because of a problem to which Morocco is a central party — the Polisario representation.

Polisario is an Algerian and Libyan-backed resistance movement which wants to wrest the great Sahara from Moroccan control which was made possible by the decolonization of the region by Spain in 1975. The area is thinly populated although rich in phosphates. A war has been going on between Morocco on the one hand and Algeria and Libya on the other, by proxy, via the Polisario.

Somehow Algeria and Libya engineered the representation of Polisario, as a full member of the OAU in the name of the Sahara Democratic Republic, SADR, which greatly incensed the Moroccans and many other members who had objected to the recognition of the movement as a sovereign member.

The OAU was threatened with disintegration until Algeria persuaded SADR to opt out in order to allow the summit to be held.

Morocco's attendance will hopefully save the OAU from further humiliation and allow it to explore the chances for talks with Algeria about a possible rapprochement. That may not end the war right away but it could conceivably break the ice between the two warring Arab states and boost the peace momentum. This is an opportunity that Moroccan statesmanship has done well not to miss.

Saudi Arabian press review

Monday's newspapers welcomed Lebanese President Amin Gemayel's visit to the Kingdom and called for all possible support to rid Lebanon from Israeli occupation.

Al-Jazirah lauded President Gemayel's efforts to "rid his country from the Zionist octopus" and welcomed his policy to re-establish Lebanon's freedom, integrity and Arabism.

The paper noted the important role played by President Gemayel in ensuring Arab action to solve the Arab's top issue, namely the Palestinian problem and recover the usurped Palestinian rights including the establishment of an independent state. It also highlighted King Fahd's persistent efforts to reconstruct and liberate Lebanon.

Al-Riyadh said Lebanon's sacrifices for the Palestine cause had gone beyond its limited potentials and capabilities.

The paper noted Saudi Arabia's diplomatic role to save Lebanon from the Zionist aggression at a time when the country was torn by civil strife and unable to resist more external attacks.

Al-Balad said the Kingdom's support to Lebanon's freedom and independence was a step toward stopping the

Israeli aggression as Saudi Arabia also extended all possible help to rebuild the country. The paper added that the Kingdom's role was also designed to enable Lebanon play its "positive Arab and international role and strengthen its capability to face any future confrontation with Israel."

It called for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and urged the Arab states to assist the country in its reconstruction program.

Al-Madinah said President Gemayel's talks with King Fahd would pave the way for more support for the Lebanese issue and help re-establish Palestinian-Lebanese relations in a manner that could serve the Palestinian cause "as there is no contradiction between the two Arab problems."

Al-Yom said the Fahd-Gemayel meeting would not only serve the interests of the two countries but also benefit the whole Arab nation. "The talks would also help in rebuilding Lebanon within the framework of the Arab higher interest and would help in formulating a collective Arab strategy to counter the Israeli neo-Nazism," the paper added. (SPA)

Greek press in economic trouble

By Andrew Wilson

At first sight, Athens might strike visitors as a newspaper publisher's dream city. On every main street the kiosks selling cigarettes, postcards and paperbacks are festooned with the world's leading journals.

Racks of folded papers with famous mastheads — European, American and Arabic — take up so much space that it requires a long arm to receive one's change from the vendor ensconced in his turret of newsprint. Not only foreign papers either. Eleven daily Greek titles compete for the attention of the capital's three million indigenous population — a greater variety than in any other Western city of comparable size.

But the Greek press is in fact in serious economic trouble, strikingly illustrated by the collapse of two national publications in the space of a few months. In June the right-wing *Eleftheros Kosmos* ceased publishing, followed by the 60-year-old *To Vima* (the Tribune), depleting the voice of the enlightened center.

Less surprisingly, one of the two English-language newspapers — the *Athens Daily Post*, has disappeared from the book-stands, leaving the field to its older-established competitor, the *Athens Daily News*. The inquest on the reasons for the casualties has been wide-ranging. Economic factors — rising production costs, falling advertising and a tightening of the screw on nationalized bank loans — are partly to blame.

The last factor has been temporarily mitigated by the Papandreu government's agreeing to reschedule debts of \$28.9 million. But this has led to enormous cash-flow problems because of higher interest rates. The real cause of the crisis goes much deeper, however, and has its roots in a change in the Greek life-style.

Television has been part of the revolution. It is blamed by most publishers for what has happened. But there is an element of self-deceit in their protests. Greek television remains almost as bad today as it was under the 1970s military junta or the subsequent conservative governments of Constantine Karamanlis and George Rallis. Only the bias of political reporting has changed, from right to left.

There is none of the in-depth analysis of current affairs that has prompted a shift from the printed to the broadcast media in some other Western countries. The real reason for the decline of the Greek press is its failure to break free of the stuffy traditions of the past: the prominence given to predictable (pro — or anti-government) comment on daily political pronouncements and the lengthy reporting of often parochial speeches at the expense of real news. Until a few years ago this was the stuff of sidewalk conversations over coffee; but a new generation is skeptical and bored.

Not all newspapers have been guilty. Mrs. Helen Vlachos *Kathimerini* (center-right) and *Ta Nea* (center-left) have consistently achieved higher, modern standards. But ironically it is the more serious morning newspapers that are feeling the keenest wind. This is due to another social change, the result of sheer urban congestion.

No longer is it possible to read newspapers in crowded morning buses and the Athens-Piraeus metro, a situation now aggravated by a government ordinance restricting the entry of private cars to the city center before 9.30 a.m. Adding to the more serious newspapers' problems has been a post office decision to suspend early morning newspaper deliveries.

Not every newspaper faces bleak prospects, however. All over Athens today one sees younger heads buried in a new tabloid, *Ethnos*, with modern make-up, technically good color, and a strong, often sensational, front page. *Ethnos* carries a wealth of non-political and purely entertaining stories that most other papers miss. (ONS)

Andropov may follow a different course

By Steven R. Hurst

MOSCOW — Yuri V. Andropov, the new Communist Party leader, may take his country down new foreign and domestic policy paths, despite initial vows to follow the course set by the late Leonid I. Brezhnev during his 18 years in power. Experts believe the Soviet economy is in such poor condition that the 68-year-old former KGB chief may have little choice, but to try experiments Brezhnev resisted, particularly in agriculture.

As for foreign policy, Andropov may prove more willing to compromise but only if the United States signals it is ready to match any concessions he might make. Western analysts caution that the transition from the Brezhnev era was far from complete, however, and that it is too early to expect essential policy shifts.

If Andropov is looking for any conciliatory signal from Washington, he could find it in the announcement Saturday by President Reagan that the United States was lifting trade sanctions on the Soviet natural gas pipeline to Western Europe.

Initially, Andropov showed no signs of dropping the Kremlin's position that it must continue building its military strength. In his first speech after Brezhnev's death Wednesday, Andropov said: "We know well that the imperialists will never meet one's pleas for peace. It can only be defended by relying on the invincible might of the Soviet Armed Forces."

The Friday address to the Communist Party Central Committee dropped all references to Brezhnev's policy of East-West détente and stressed the

deceased leader's practice of "ensuring that the country's defense capability meets present day requirements."

But a top Western diplomat on Saturday warned not to place too much significance in Andropov's first foreign policy pronouncements. "I don't attach great foreign policy significance to the statements," the diplomat said, adding, "it's too early to think in terms of specific policy changes."

On domestic policy, Andropov said Friday, "It is our prime duty to accomplish the policies set by the Communist Party under Brezhnev's leadership."

But with the economy expected to turn in the worst performance since World War II and the nation suffering its fourth consecutive poor grain harvest, Andropov may see the need to at least alter Brezhnev's policy.

The same Western diplomat said the system has been plagued by stagnation in decision-making for months because of Brezhnev's poor health and that there was a great deal of unhappiness among economic managers. Soviet sources portray Andropov as more flexible than Brezhnev. If he is, decentralizing the economy might come easier for him than it did for Brezhnev.

Western economic analysts think the first step any Soviet leader must take to put the economy back on its feet — industrial growth this year is forecast at only 2.7 percent — is to put more power in the hands of local managers. They also feel that the system is lacking in incentives and that injections of some kind of modified capitalism are necessary.

Andropov's expertise in Hungarian affairs, where he was ambassador during the 1956 uprising,

and his subsequent dealings with Eastern European nations might convince him that successful economic reforms adopted there could be useful in the Soviet Union.

Foreign policy presents thornier choices. The Soviets have no obvious face-saving way out of Afghanistan where they maintain an estimated 100,000 troops in support of the government of Babrak Karmal.

As for Poland, Soviet ideology would seem to defy any alternative to the stamping out of the maverick Solidarity trade union movement.

One area of foreign policy where Andropov might find it easier to compromise is nuclear disarmament. The Soviet side accuses the United States of dragging its feet at negotiations in Geneva on reducing both medium-range and strategic nuclear weapons.

Brezhnev contended that there is a rough nuclear parity between Moscow and Washington and asserted that the United States would upset that balance by installing 572 new Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Europe starting late next year. However, Western diplomats say the Soviets have adopted a serious attitude at the talks, and that their negative public pronouncements on the progress of the talks are a propaganda tactic aimed at world peace movements, which seek to block the deployment of the new American weapons in Europe.

One area in which no one expects any movement from Andropov is on internal dissent. He ran the Soviet KGB secret police apparatus for 15 years in a period when virtually every vocal dissident was either jailed, exiled or expelled from the country. (AP)

Hong Kong's property market in doldrums

By Ronnie Wei

HONG KONG — The prospect of British-Chinese disagreement over Hong Kong's future is sending shivers through this British colony's crucial real estate market and raising the prospect of the first government deficit in eight years. Hong Kong's real estate market was once considered among the world's most explosive. Two years ago, prices were at an all-time high. But for most of this year the market has been in a severe tailspin.

Recently, bids were so low that the government withdrew the sale of a 10,960 square-meter prime commercial site in Central, the busiest financial center. Informed sources say the high bid was 600 million Hong Kong dollars (\$88 million). That breaks down to a price per square meter of 5613 Hong Kong dollars (\$825), which compares with going prices of 355,00 Hong Kong dollars in February.

Land is the Hong Kong government's most precious commodity. Sales last year accounted for more than 30 percent of the colony's revenue. But this year, uncertainty has developed over the course of talks between Britain and China over the crown colony's future. And that, according to real estate experts, has made potential investors in land very skittish.

Already, a decline in land value caused a government deficit of 4.6 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$676 million) in the first five months of the current financial year, which began in April. The government had expected a surplus of 2.3 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$338 million) for this year, but now experts think a deficit more likely.

Kan Fook-ye, a leading land agent, says the government must quickly find a way to shore up developers' confidence. He and several legislators have urged the government to keep the public better informed regarding the progress of the British-Chinese talks. Details of the talks have not been revealed, but the main snag is believed to be over the question of Hong Kong's sovereignty.

Britain has insisted on the validity of the turn-of-the-century treaties under which Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon Peninsula were ceded to Britain,

and under which Britain leased the New Territories for 99 years. That period expires in 1997.

China maintains it has sovereignty over the region.

Some observers say the Hong Kong government itself is partly to blame for the present decline in land value.

In July, one month before British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher visited Peking, the government in an unprecedented move paid 2.3 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$397 million) to a consortium headed by a Chinese state-run corporation for a 488-hectare piece of swampland in the New Territories bordering China.

That sum was 1.4 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$207 million) more than the consortium had paid for it two years before, when land value in Hong Kong was near its peak. The purchase touched off speculation that Hong Kong was trying to appease China before the lease on the New Territories runs out, and the stock market, where the most active shares are land-related, slumped 112 points in one week.

Then, on Aug. 9, the government sold a 6,700-square-meter site in Central to the Bank of China for one billion Hong Kong dollars (\$147 million) for the Chinese concern to build a headquarters.

Newspapers labelled the price a "bargain" and a "give-away," and the move was generally viewed as one to restore public confidence in the colony's future relationship with its giant neighbor.

Financial Secretary John Bremridge called the transaction "significant" on grounds it showed "China is willing to invest one billion Hong Kong dollars on its new headquarters." But the stock market didn't reflect confidence. Within 24 hours of announcement of the deal, the market had plummeted more than 50 points.

The government is not the only one suffering in the decline of land prices. Several major land developers are in financial trouble, including Carrian Holdings Ltd., a diversified firm whose activities range from fast food and taxi services to shipping and land development. Acknowledging it had run into "short-term liquidity problems," Carrian persuaded the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and several other leading banks here to

extend support.

Financial sources say the banks feared that if a firm so important went under, it would affect Hong Kong's entire economy. (AP)

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 16th, the 320th day of 1982. There are 45 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1797 — British Navy withdraws from Mediterranean.

1848 — Popular insurrection in Rome.

1933 — Brazil's President Getulio Vargas assumes dictatorial powers; the United States and the Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations.

1952 — Field Marshal Papagos forms ministry in Greece.

1967 — Twenty-three Turkish Cypriots die in fighting on island of Cyprus.

1968 — The Soviet Union announces it has launched the world's largest spaceship to date, *The Proton Four*.

1970 — Pakistan officials say death toll in typhoon and tidal wave which struck Bay of Bengal may reach one-half million.

1971 — Col. Rudolf Abel, once Soviet master spy in the United States, dies of lung cancer in the Soviet Union.

1972 — The United States and several European allies invite the Soviet Union to participate in exploratory talks on reducing military forces in Central Europe.

1977 — Shah of Iran, leaving Tehran for meeting with U.S. President Jimmy Carter, says he will work actively against increase in oil prices.

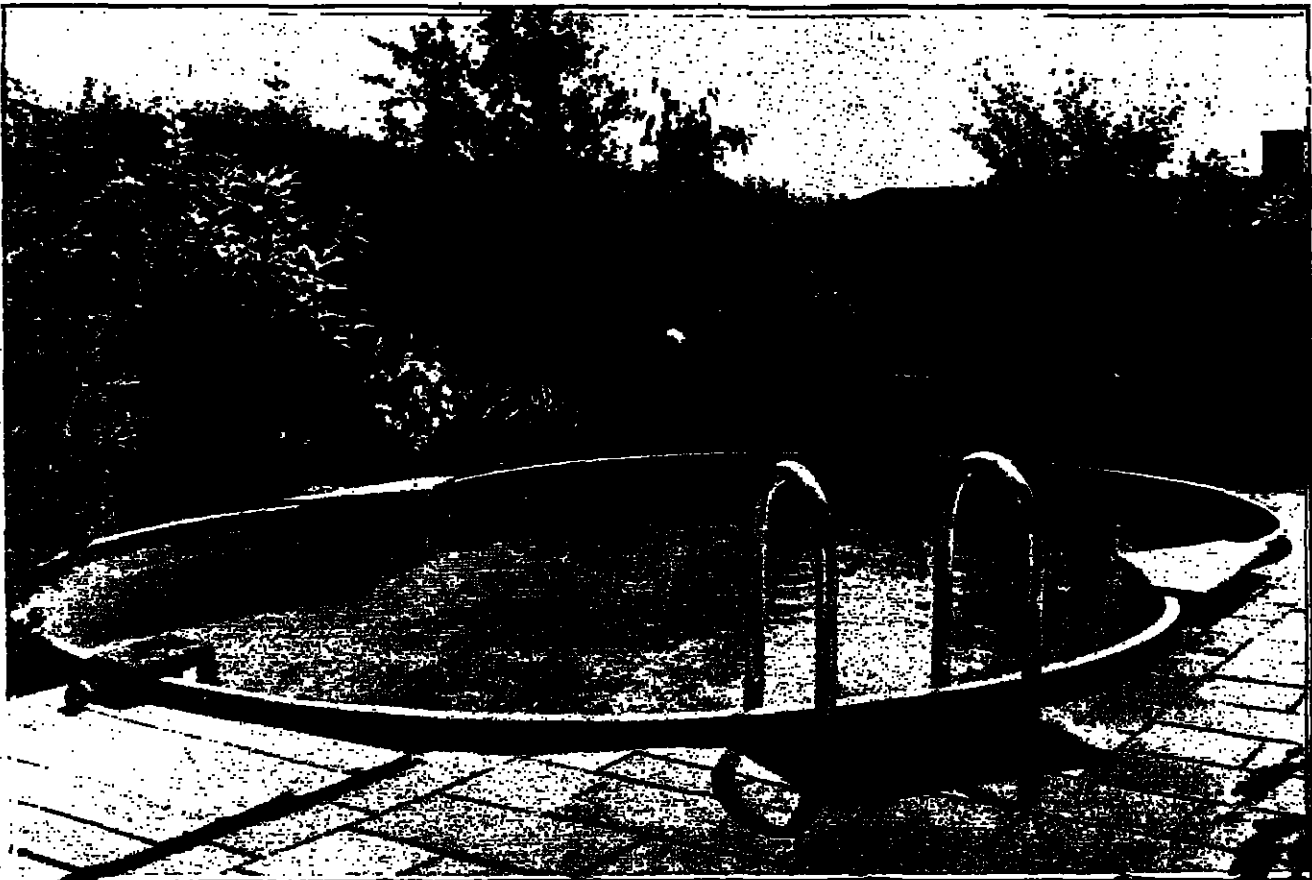
1980 — Explosion at army munitions plant in Bangkok, Thailand, leaves scores of people dead and hundreds injured.

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Dietary guidelines for women

Experts caution against food abuses

By Christine Russell

WASHINGTON (WP) — Doctors should be more aware of the health risks of a little understood but "not uncommon" practice in which some pregnant women have cravings for non-food substances, from dirt and laundry starch to tire inner tubes, a National Academy of Sciences committee reported recently.

In a report to the government on alternative dietary practices and nutritional abuses during pregnancy, the panel said that some pregnant women and their babies are at special risk because of eating practices that may deprive them of needed nutrients and expose them to potentially toxic compounds.

The eight-member group of academic experts cautioned against any use of alcohol or tobacco during pregnancy, recommended "moderation in caffeine intake" and discouraged use of over-the-counter drugs.

But it noted that the so-called "orthodox middle-class American diet" may not be acceptable to many Americans and suggested that diets during pregnancy should be tailored to the special needs of women in ethnic and religious groups.

The report said that health-care professionals "should be alert" to the possible dan-

gers of a compulsion to consume unsuitable substances, a condition known as "pica" that the group said "has yet to receive the attention that it deserves."

The problem, it said, is "not uncommon among pregnant women, particularly among low-income black women of rural southern heritage," as well as other ethnic groups, but few women volunteer such information to their doctors. The problem may cause reduced consumption of needed food and exposure to hazardous chemicals, the report said.

While pica of pregnancy is most commonly reported as consumption of dirt and clay or laundry starch, the committee cited examples of pregnant women who repeatedly ate ice, burnt matches, hair, stone or gravel, charcoal, soot, toilet-bowl air fresheners, cigarette ashes, mothballs, antacid tablets, milk of magnesia, baking soda, coffee grounds and even tire inner tubes.

The academy's committee on nutrition of the mother and preschool child, which sought information from experts in the field, also advised avoiding other, more common hazards:

—Tobacco. Smoking during pregnancy is well-recognized as "one of the most important preventable" causes of low birth weight, it said. Children of women who smoke may

have higher rates of disease and death up to 5 years of age. Women also have higher risk of vaginal bleeding and miscarriage.

—Caffeine. This common central nervous system stimulant is found in coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, cola and some other soft drinks and drugs.

While animal studies have suggested a risk of birth defects, human evidence of risks to the fetus is "inconclusive" and the "best and most recent study to date suggests that caffeine may pose no significant risks," the committee said. It recommended "moderation in caffeine intake during pregnancy."

The new report also urged health practitioners to be more sensitive to cultural differences among pregnant women. Traditional dietary guidelines during pregnancy include increased protein and calcium from meat and dairy products.

However, the panel said that many of these foods are avoided by people with "alternative" dietary preferences, such as those on health or vegetarian diets, as well as members of ethnic groups including blacks, Asians and hispanics.

The committee, chaired by W. Ann Reynolds, a California State University chancellor, suggested that more acceptable choices, such as mixtures of vegetable proteins, might be offered.

Britaintapping energy from earth's crust

PENRYN, England, (AP) — Water warm enough to bathe in gushed from a shaft drilled 2 kms into Cornwall granite near this southwest England town last week, signaling success for a team of British scientists trying to tap heat energy radiating from the earth's molten core.

But the team of geothermal miners led by Dr. Arthur S. Batchelor of the Camborne School of Mines and funded by the British Department of Energy and the European Economic Community, has yet to strike it rich, according to spokeswoman Charmian Larke.

It was success in a limited way. We pumped cold water down one shaft and got warm water up the other. But unfortunately, there's a leak somewhere and not all the water we pumped down came back up. We hope we'll just have to pump more water down to fill up all the cracks," she said.

Begun in 1980 at the abandoned Rosemanowes granite quarry near Penryn, the present 10-million-pound (\$17 million) Camborne project is one of two major geothermal enterprises in progress in the world, according to a statement released recently. American scientists have developed a similar project in Los Alamos, New Mexico, it said.

Using the latest rock-drilling technology including a Soviet-manufactured drill motor guided by a sophisticated navigation system designed for aircraft, scientists drilled the two 21-cm shafts 2 kms deep where the ground temperature reaches 30°C, according to the statement.

By firing an explosive charge at the bottom of one shaft, scientists hoped to create a system of fractures in the hot granite between the shafts, through which pressurized water could be pumped and heated. Sensitive monitoring equipment recorded micro-seismic vibrations given off the fracturing, so that using a computer, scientists could estimate the size and shape of the heat exchange system they had created, the report said.

"That's where the problem lies," said Miss Clark. "We don't know exactly if we created fractures in the right place. The two shafts may not be very well connected and we may have to drop another explosive charge," she said, adding that the present project will end in mid-1983. "Plans are on the drawing stage to drill wells over three miles deep where rock temperatures reach 220°C if the present project is successful. Superheated water and steam from such wells could power electricity generators by 1990," she said.

She estimated that harnessed hot water and steam from the few natural geothermal sites around the world now produces at least 2,000 megawatt-hours of electricity. "But if man could tap the heat stored in solid and dry rock, in the rest of the earth's crust, no country in the world need worry about heat or electricity again," said Miss Lacke.

Hunger, malnutrition plague Third World, says U.N. study

By Michael Littlejohns

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Pessimism is rife in rich and poor countries alike, in a convergence of moods not seen for decades, according to a United Nations study.

"Irrespective of the country, economic equity meant for some an absolute decline in the standard of living, for others an abrupt interruption in the steady improvement that they had come to take for granted, and for still others a loss of confidence in their future prospects," U.N. officials said.

Economic events had set back the fight against mass poverty characterized by poor nutrition, ill-health, shortened lives, drudgery, low output and lack of access to social services. This sentence summed up their assessment: "The main concern regarding equity has shifted from a fair share in growth to a fair distribution of the cost of retrenchment."

The 210-page report on the world social situation cited a U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization estimate that at least 430 million people had an insufficient diet. While within the Third World states malnutrition was most stark in large towns, the greatest number of hungry people was to be found in the countryside and in most lands children below five were the most seriously affected, the document said.

"The incidence of hunger can be expected to continue diminishing, but eradication, in the sense of everyone reaching the high level of nutrition set by objective standards of need, can only be thought of as a distant goal," the report went on.

Despite everything, people's physical health had improved notably throughout the world in the last quarter-century. "A newborn infant has now an expectation of life of about 58 years, a gain of 10 years from the generation born at the beginning of the 1950s," the report said, adding: "If this child is from the more developed regions of the world, he can expect to live for 72 years."

Since smallpox was eradicated, there was no evidence that major diseases in developing countries had significantly reduced. Diarrhea, a leading cause of child deaths, claimed at least six million lives yearly — a million more than from cancer, the report said.

Accidents accounted for about 10 percent of all deaths in the developed lands and were the third leading cause of death in the developing ones, the report noted. Deaths by suicide were on the same scale as from motor accidents. In a typical affluent society, health care absorbed 7.5 percent of gross national product, with hospitalization taking half the total, physicians' services 30 percent and drugs and devices 20 percent.

Turning to education and training, the report estimated there were 800 million illiterates, including several million in the more

developed countries who were often fearful of being unmasked. The document also said that although children generally spent more years in school, a sizable proportion were functionally illiterate when they left with their diplomas.

In a section on housing, the report revealed that 437 million people lived in substandard homes and the slum and squatter population had more than doubled in a decade. On the labor front, the report said employing children was common and that as recently as 1979, 52 million workers were aged under 15 while the minimum age was between 12 and 16.

Workers in West Germany, Spain and Switzerland put in the longest hours. At 35.6 hours, the United States recorded the shortest working week. Minimum wage laws were still quite limited in scope and application, even in the industrialized European states, according to the report.

Fifty million people earned their living, directly or indirectly, from military activity, and 500,000 researchers, 20 percent of the qualified scientists, worked on defense. "The number of persons wearing military uniforms exceeds all the teachers and physicians throughout the world," the report said.

According to the U.N., nuclear weapons are bargain priced compared to what they cost in 1945.

Diana sick report dubbed 'nonsense'

LONDON (AP) — London newspapers reported Monday that Princess Diana may be suffering from a dieting disease, but Buckingham Palace dismissed the stories as "absolute nonsense."

The reports in three tabloid newspapers said the 22-year-old Princess of Wales may have anorexia nervosa, a disease threatening strict dieters. The stories appeared in early Monday editions of the *Sun*, *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Express*. A fourth tabloid, the *Daily Mail*, merely said the princess may be dieting too strictly after the birth of her son William in June.

The stories about Diana were provoked by an incident Saturday night, when she turned up late for an important war dead remembrance festival graced by Queen Elizabeth II, and by her refusal of both meat and fish at a public luncheon last week. No one is supposed to be late at any event attended by the queen.

Prince Charles arrived alone for the festival at London's Royal Albert Hall and reportedly said, "my wife is not well." Fifteen minutes later, Diana arrived at a side entrance looking flustered. Enquiries were told that she had changed her mind.

The *Sun* newspaper said the princess' "craze for slimming" was the cause of an argument between the couple.

EXCESS FAT AFFECTING ANGINA PECTORIS



By Peter J. Steincrohn
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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I read your column every day, but the one about angina hit home. The crux it was that YOUR HEART'S IN YOUR OWN HANDS. You made the point that once the diagnosis has been made and treatment outlined by the doctor, it's all up to the patient.

I am 69 years old and have a hard time even walking a short distance. I take nitroglycerine for the bad chest pains and other drugs the doctor has prescribed. My problem is that I weigh 190 pounds at a height of 5 feet 2. I also have another bad habit to overcome. I still smoke. Not much when you compare the present one pack a day I smoke to three packs all these years.

My question is: Which bad habit shall I give up first? — Mrs. R.
Dear Mrs. R.: In smoking and obesity — if we exclude hypertension — you have two of the worst. You make a good point in asking which habit should you try to break first. Trying to reduce and quit smoking at the same time, in my experience with patients, is almost a superhuman effort.

My suggestion is that you try to undercut the tobacco habit first. If successful, it can be accomplished within a few weeks, or even overnight if you have the willpower. Then you can turn to overcoming your weight problem which is a longer-range effort. Yes, your heart's in your own hands, Mrs. R. Your doctor's prescriptions will help, of course. But they will be ineffective unless smoking and obesity are no longer a part of the picture.

Tobacco is an enemy of the coronary arteries as is excess fat. As you lose weight, it's likely that your blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels will improve, too.

Don't be concerned about putting on more weight if you quit smoking. You may gain a pound or two in the beginning, but if you follow a sensible reducing regime, you'll eventually melt off those extra 50 pounds or so you carry around night and day. At present, they're a terrible burden for your heart to overcome.

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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Why do there seem to be more diabetes drives than heart drives? Personally, I'm more interested in preventing heart disease. — Mr. C.

Dear Mr. C.: These major diseases do not live separate lives. One often influences the other. For example, according to William B. Kannel, M.D. of the National Institute of Health, there's a twofold to threefold increase in heart disease among diabetics. Now you can understand why "drives" against diabetes are as important as information about how to prevent heart disease.

(Tomorrow: Treating gout)

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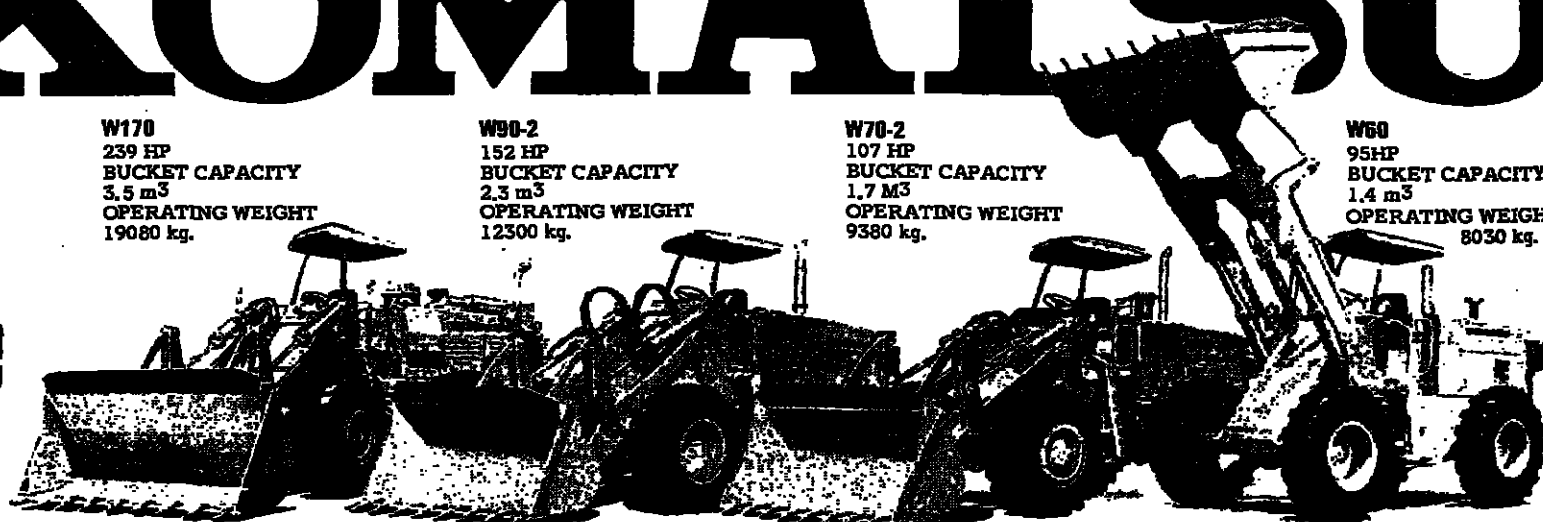
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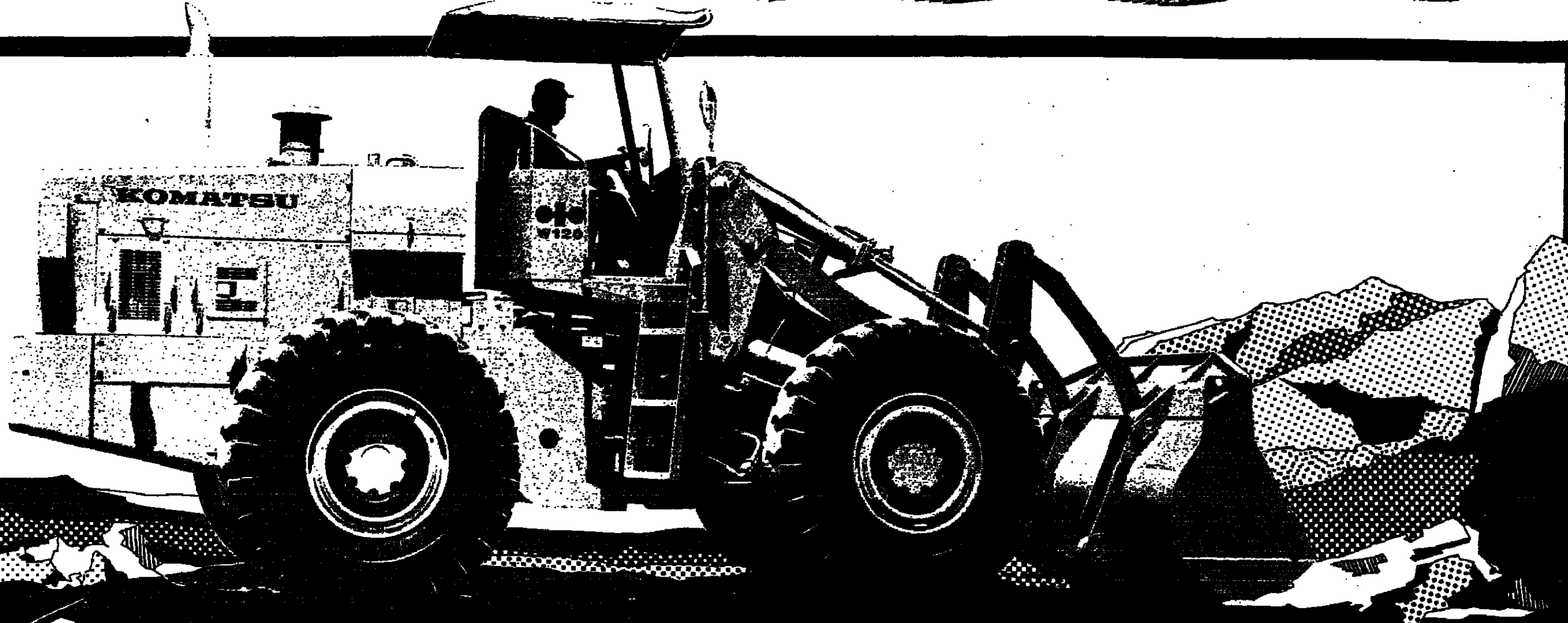
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Singapore 'arming' Cambodian fighters

BANGKOK, Nov. 15 (AFP) — Singapore has sent a secret arms shipment to the main non-Communist group fighting Vietnam's troops in Cambodia, according to Western and Cambodian sources. The shipment, via Thailand and possibly in association with other countries, was the first of its kind to be reliably confirmed here.

Previously, Communist China was the sole known major arms supply source for all three components of the resistance, especially the 20,000-plus troops of the Khmer Rouge, deposed in January 1979 by Hanoi-led troops. Highly reliable sources said the September delivery to the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), led by Son Sann, involved enough Singapore-made SAR-80 assault rifles to equip 2,640 men. The KPNLF claims to field about 11,000 men.

A similar shipment has been promised to the non-Communist group led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who presides over a loose coalition of the three factions formalized in July. The prince is estimated to deploy 3,000 to 5,000 men. The tripartite alliance was set up at the behest of Singapore, Thailand and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to provide a framework for building up the military might of the non-Communist factions.

A Thai supreme command spokesman said he had no report of the arms shipment and an official in the Singapore Embassy here said, "as far as the embassy is aware, Singapore has not sent arms to any of the factions." (Officials in Singapore were not immediately available for comment Monday since government offices were closed for the national

Problem nail removed

DONCASTER, England, Nov. 15 (R) — Surgeons finally cured housewife Wendy Clapp's breathing problems when they removed a rusty nail she says she must have stuck up her nose as a child more than 30 years ago.

holiday there. However, reliable but unofficial sources said that Singapore had given arms aid to Son Sann's KPNLF.

One Cambodian source said the arms appeared to come from a kind of "international consortium," but that guerrilla leaders themselves were uncertain of the precise donors.

The members of ASEAN — which also includes Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines — have publicly ruled out military aid as a group because they say they are committed to a political settlement in Cambodia.

Literary prizes awarded in Paris

PARIS, Nov. 15 (AFP) — The Goncourt and Renaudot prizes for literature were awarded here Monday to a man previously honored for his writing and to a relative newcomer on the literary scene.

Dominique Fernandez, 53, won the Goncourt for *Dans la Main de l'ange*, (in the hand of the angel) which took its inspiration from the death of Italian filmmaker Pier Paolo Pasolini. A man who has campaigned for individual rights, Fernandez is a prolific author who won the Medici prize in 1974 for his *Porporino*.

The Renaudot prize went to Georges-Olivier Chateaurenaud, 35, for his third novel, *La Faculté des Songes*, (the faculty of dreams) in which three men — a worker, a civil servant and a librarian — share their memories and ambitions in a suburban house where they are all squatters.

Controversy frequently surrounds the prize announcements, but the authors honored can count on a boost to sales.

The winner of the prestigious Goncourt, first awarded in 1903, usually sells up to one million copies, with sales of about 100,000 for the Renaudot, an "anti-Goncourt" prize founded in 1925 which traditionally goes to relatively new talent.

'Greens' willing to rule

HAGEN, West Germany, Nov. 15 (AFP) — West Germany's ecologist party, the Greens, said at its party congress here that it was ready to assume political responsibilities in federal parliament but would not support a government intent on continuing a civil and military nuclear program.

The Greens could play a decisive role in the next German government, if, as opinion polls predict for general elections March 6, they replace the Free Democrat Party of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher as the country's third most popular political party.

If the Greens, who are already represented in six regional parliaments, enter the federal Bundestag they could well be the arbitrator between the two major parties, the Social Democrats (SPD) and Christian Democrats (CDU).

Greens leader Petra Kelly, said the party's main role in a new federal parliament would be "to prevent the deployment of 108 Pershing-2 and 96 Cruiser missiles" in West Germany in autumn 1983 and to halt the country's nuclear program. Mrs. Kelly said the Greens did not want to make the country ungovernable, and would cooperate with the CDU and the SPD on an issue-to-issue basis.

Swiss reject Polish demand

BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 15 (Ap) — Switzerland has turned down a Warsaw government demand for the extradition of four Polish exiles who took over the Polish Embassy in Bern last September and held five diplomats captive for three days, the Justice Ministry announced Monday.

The ministry said the inquiry into the attack has been completed and that they will be tried by the federal tribunal on multiple charges, including deprivation of liberty and extortion. Date of the trial has not yet been set but a ministry spokesman, Ulrich Hubacher, said it would not take place this year.

Poland had asked Switzerland for both extradition and legal assistance in preparing its case against leader Florian Kruszyk, 42, and his three men of the self-styled "insurgent Home Army." Since the offense

Adoption of "an ecological economic program and an anti-unemployment plan" was put off until a planned special party congress next January. The Greens are split between a moderate wing who want to fight unemployment, in conjunction with the trade unions, by reducing working hours, and a radical wing who want "to overthrow the capitalist economy and change society."

Observers said that between now and the elections the party will have to try and unite its different tendencies and come up with a common political platform. Mrs. Kelly, who will lead the Greens in the March and another elections, party leader, Dieter Burgman, resigned Sunday from the party's steering committee. Party rules forbid steering committee members to run for parliament.

Mrs. Kelly said there would be equal numbers of men and women on the Greens list and that there would be a system of rotating seats of those elected to parliament with other candidates on the Greens list. Greens parliamentary members would also donate part of their salary either to the party or for fighting battles against pollution, added Mrs. Kelly.

was committed on Swiss territory and the Swiss authorities conduct the criminal proceedings, judicial assistance and extradition is out of the question," a ministry press statement said. "Polish authorities have been informed of this."

The 72-hour embassy ordeal ended Sept. 9 when anti-terrorist police stormed the building. The raid came before a deadline set by the terrorists for their demands to be met, including the lifting of martial law in Poland and three million Swiss francs (\$1.45 million) plus safe passage to either China or Albania.

Swiss authorities described Kruszyk, who had served four years in an Austrian prison for the holdup of a jewelry store after his defection from Poland, as a "mixture of patriot and criminal."

Indian pacifist, Vinoba Bhave, dies

NEW DELHI, Nov. 15 (R) — Veteran Indian pacifist Acharya Vinoba Bhave, who had gone without food, water or medicines for a week died Monday, aged 87, friends said. The frail Acharya refused all medical care after suffering a heart attack last Friday.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited him in his ashram (hermitage) at Paunar in western India but failed to persuade him to change his mind. Officials said Acharya Bhave had decided to go into a state of samadhi, the last stage of yoga that brings death. They quoted him as saying he wished to "leave his body before his body left him."

Vinoba Bhave, a close associate of Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi, was born in 1895 in the Colaba district of Maharashtra and took a vow of celibacy when he was only 10 years old. In the 1950s and 1960s, he walked about 64,000 kilometers across India to persuade rich landlords to

donate plots to landless villagers. He also organized many campaigns against the slaughter of cows, a very useful animal for India's agricultural economy.

Acharya Bhave held on political office but his moral influence ran deeply into India's corridors of power. Prime Ministers consulted him and worried about his health.

Acharya Bhave became an Indian institution in the 1950s when, clad in a loincloth like his mentor Mahatma Gandhi, he walked thousands of miles barefoot to preach bhoodan (land gift). He was credited with receiving 4.5 million acres (1.8 million hectares) of land to distribute to destitute farmers. Independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, once said of him: "He represents, as none else does, the spirit and tradition of Gandhiji (Mahatma Gandhi) and of India."

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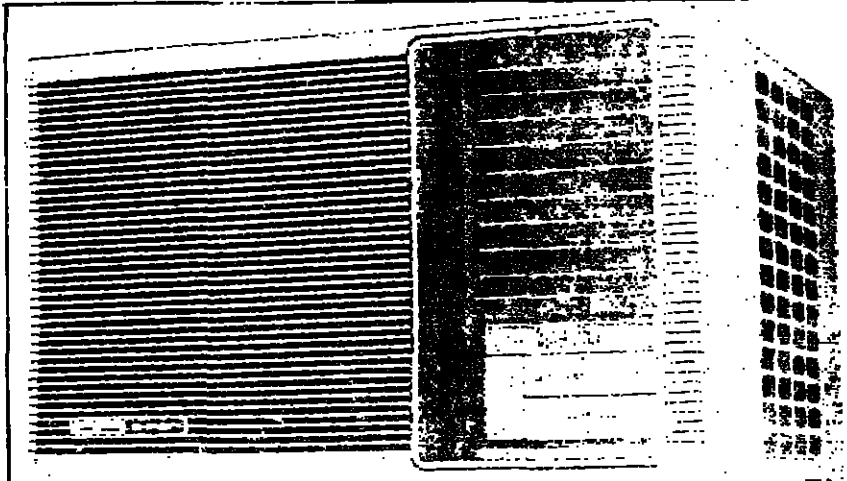


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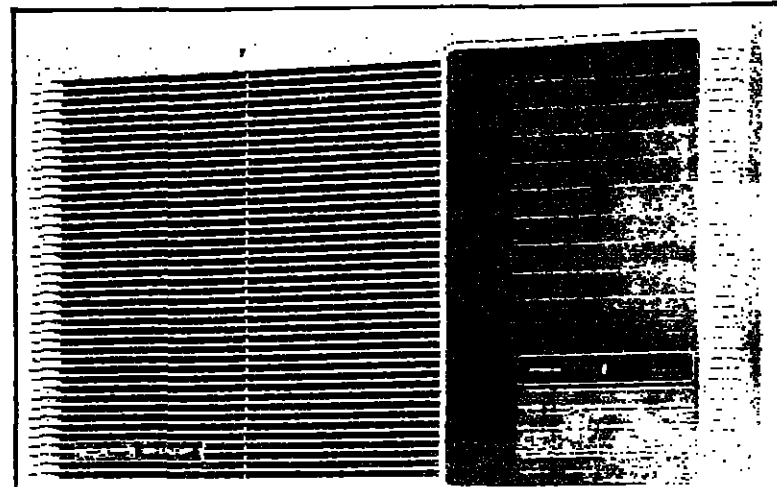
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Problems persist

Economic woes led to fall of Spadolini

ROME, Nov. 15 (AP) — Whoever succeeds Giovanni Spadolini as premier will face the same problems that brought down Italy's 42nd postwar government: How to deal with the country's economic crisis.

On the surface, the 57-year-old premier resigned Saturday for the second time in two days because of a bitter public feud between two of his economic ministers.

But the real cause, most papers and observers agree, was that his 11-week-old coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans was powerless to deal with the country's economic ills. "What we have now is not a government crisis like all those before...but the greatest crisis of all," *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's leading daily, said in a front-page editorial.

It warned that the next government had to end this "false festival" of political maneuvering and "impose the grave measures necessary" to save the economy of the sixth largest industrial power in the world.

The numbers are telling: parliament has yet to pass a finance bill similar to a budget resolution in the United States that sets a ceiling on the national debt and allocates funds for social programs for 1983.

Italy is one of the few Western nations to have both high unemployment, 9.2 percent among 20 million workers, and high inflation, now running at slightly above 17 percent.

The unemployment figures are a little misleading because they do not include several hundred thousand workers on state-supported layoffs. Just last week Fiat, Europe's largest automaker, put 35,000 workers on state-subsidized layoffs for between one and two weeks.

Privately, government economists estimate real unemployment rate is closer to 11.2 percent. The projected budget deficit for this year is \$50 billion equivalent to a \$300 billion deficit for the United States.

Industrial production was down in September by 5.8 percent compared with September 1981. The lira has lost more than 23 percent against the dollar since the beginning of the year.

The number of working hours lost to strikes over the first nine months of the year rose 73 percent from the same period in 1981 to 88,947 million. Pay contracts for nearly all industrial and state-sector employees ran out last December.

The main stumbling block in most of the negotiations are automatic quarterly raises granted according to a pay indexation agreement known as the "scale mobile" moving staircase or escalator. Industry wants to do away with the scale mobile saying it is inflationary and reduces its bargaining power. Unions are adamant about keeping it.

Italy's agricultural production dropped two percent in 1982 for the second year.

Soviets get U.S. expertise despite ban

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP) — A U.S. Senate subcommittee said there is strong evidence that the Commerce Department has failed to control the flow of American military technology to the Soviet Union.

The permanent subcommittee on investigations stopped short, however, of adopting a staff recommendation that the department be stripped of its enforcement powers under the Export Administration Act.

The subcommittee, which held hearings on the subject in May, recommended that the United States strengthen its intelligence and enforcement efforts to halt a "massive, well planned and well managed" Soviet effort to acquire U.S. technology.

"The evidence is strong that virtually all the technology they obtain from the West is applied to the Soviet military industry," the panel said in a 67-page report.

The minority staff of the subcommittee, after a year-long investigation, recommended at the hearings that the customs service be given full responsibility for enforcement of export controls.

"The evidence strongly suggests that the Commerce Department to date has been unable to enforce the EAA controls in the face of mounting Soviet efforts to secure sensitive American technology," the subcommittee's report said.

Allies fear extension of U.S. law abroad

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — Fears among European governments and businessmen about the long arm of U.S. law will not be dispelled by the lifting of U.S. sanctions against the Siberian gas pipeline, official Western European sources said.

The threat of the U.S. attempting to impose U.S. law on foreign-based U.S. subsidiaries and licensees of U.S. technology, known to policy makers as extra territoriality, will remain until there is a radical rethink, the sources said in reply to Reuter questions.

Yugoslavia to buy more Iranian oil

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — Yugoslavia will buy more oil from Iran and in return Iran will use Yugoslavia's expertise in metals and hydro-electrical industries, the Iranian news agency IRNA has reported.

The news agency, monitored in London, said the agreement was reached at a meeting between the visiting Yugoslavian Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lazar Mojsov and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in Tehran on Sunday.

Iran at present sells oil at the cut-price rate of \$31.2 a barrel, compared to the \$34 official OPEC benchmark.

In Yugoslavia petrol prices have risen by 60 percent in the last twelve months and the country now needs to import about 12 million tons of crude oil a year to supplement the four million tons it produces itself.

Despite lifting of pipeline curbs

The extra territoriality issue is deeply embedded in U.S. law and is now putting U.S. business interests abroad at risk, they said.

Strains in the Western alliance over the pipeline issue have brought the need to resolve the underlying issues into sharper focus on both sides of the Atlantic. European officials are reluctant to spell out how the tide can be turned with a deal over the pipeline in the balance. But U.S. officials admit a need to negotiate a better system with their foreign counterparts.

A call for international talks was issued by British Trade Minister Peter Rees in a speech here last month, with a stern warning about the potential threat to U.S. business.

Extension of U.S. jurisdiction abroad will lead to a hostility to U.S. investment "damaging alike to the U.S. and to countries like Britain which have welcomed that investment," Rees said.

West German officials also said an answer to the problem had to be sought in wider talks on international trade principles.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks in Geneva later this month are not seen as an occasion to dispel these concerns. Western official sources said. German industry fears the extension of U.S.

sanctions to European firms could pose a long-term threat to international industrial cooperation.

European firms are now more likely to turn to other sources of technology rather than expose themselves to U.S. political pressure, a German Industry and Trade Association (DIHT) spokesman said.

Italian officials said a \$1 billion joint chemicals and coal venture between Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Italy's state owned ENI could be in jeopardy because of the pipeline issue.

The threat of U.S. law imposing export controls was a factor in the U.K. monopolies commission's ruling last year against the proposed take-over of U.K. heavy engineering plant constructor Davy Corp. by Escher Corp. of the U.S., British officials noted.

Several countries have taken powers to slow the advance of U.S. jurisdiction over their national interests, but these are not seen as a solution.

The current problems are rooted in the emergence of the U.S. both as the world's leading economy and perhaps the most legalistic society on earth, according to sources in Washington.

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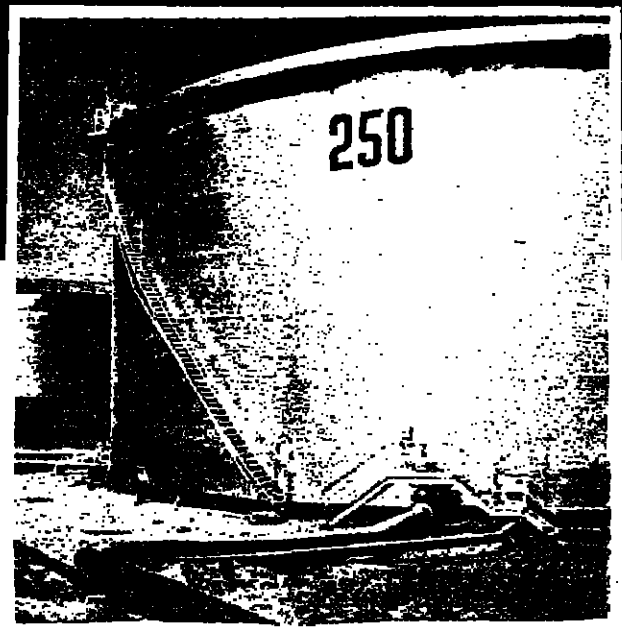
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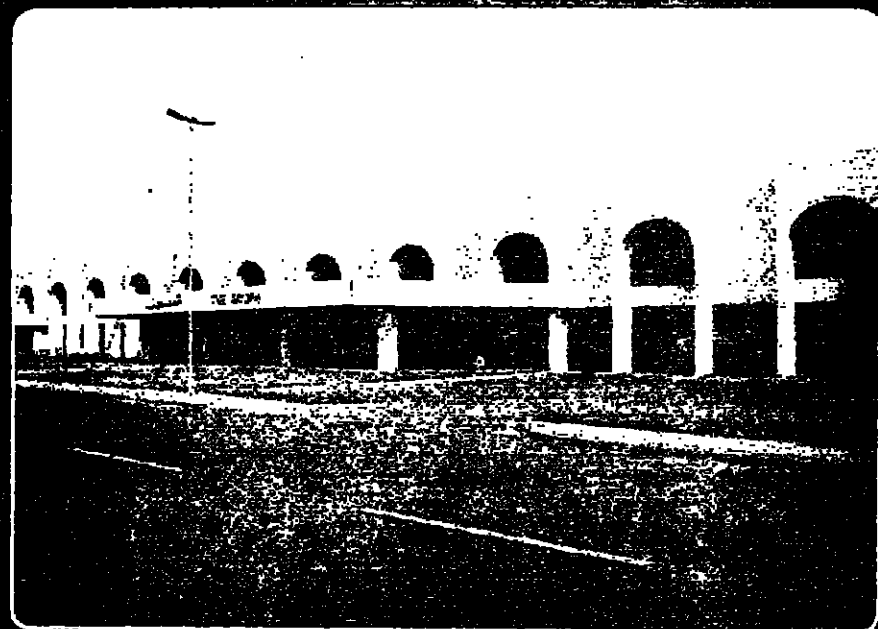
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Adding to financial woes

Farm crisis engulfs Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 15 (R) — Before Mexico slid into its financial crisis earlier this year, top agricultural officials said the country was at the dawn of a new era of self-sufficiency in basic foods.

Now, squeezed by a foreign exchange shortage, it faces mounting bills for food imports for years to come. Drought, hurricanes and, some experts say, poor planning and mismanagement have ended the short-lived dream of self-sufficiency — even though officials are refusing to admit it.

International agricultural experts have estimated that next year, Mexico will have to import 11 million tons of basic grains, including corn and sorghum.

The farm crisis could not have come at a worse time. With an \$80 billion foreign debt which it is unable to repay on time, Mexico is hard-pressed to pay for much-needed imports.

A foreign agricultural experts said that austerity conditions demanded by the Inter-

national Monetary Fund (IMF) in return for a \$3.84 billion credit agreed this week may force the government to change course.

The United States, Mexico's main supplier, last August granted it credits worth \$1 billion for food imports. But U.S. farm experts are worried that the money will not be enough to meet all of Mexico's import needs.

In 1981, official figures showed harvests of 28.6 million tons and a virtual self-sufficiency in corn, the country's staple grain.

But foreign experts estimate basic production of rice, beans, corn and sorghum could be as much as 70 percent below last year's level. Mexico this week released official production figures for 1982 stating that production was down from last year by 2.7 million tons — only a 10 percent loss.

But both government and non-government sources said the government was playing down the losses because of the issue's

CARICOM talks open today

OCHO RIOS, Jamaica, Nov. 15 (R) — Caribbean leaders face economic crisis and growing political differences when the first summit meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for seven years opens in this northern tourist resort Tuesday.

Since the last CARICOM summit in December 1975, there has been a Marxist coup in Grenada, Trinidadian Prime Minister

Sudan devalues currency by 31%

KHARTOUM, Nov. 15 (R) — Sudan Monday devalued its currency by 31 percent against the dollar, the country's second massive devaluation in 14 months.

Finance Minister Ibrahim Mohamed Mansour said the new rate for the Sudanese pound would be 76 cents compared with \$1.1 previously.

Announcing the devaluation in parliament, Mansour gave no reasons for the move but financial sources said it was probably taken on the advice of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Last February the IMF granted a \$224 million loan to Sudan. The one-year loan was designed to strengthen the country's agriculture sector, which had been hurt by what the agency described as "financial disincentives."

political sensitivity.

In a carefully-worded statement after the figures were released, President Lopez Portillo praised this year's output and reaffirmed Mexico's self-sufficiency in basic foods. He said Mexico was helped by its sufficient grain reserves. "If we need to import it will only be to guarantee our reserves," he said.

But Western experts believe the level and quality of Mexican grain storage facilities are questionable. "No one knows exactly what Mexico has in its grain reserves or what percentage is fit for human consumption due to damage from pests and moisture," one expert said.

Experts said that the quantity of imports could also strain Mexico's transport system. In 1980, when Mexico imported 10 million tons of grain the Mexican-Texas border was so clogged with railway freight that every siding from Laredo to Oklahoma.

Eric Williams, the Caribbean's elder statesman, has died and several smaller islands have become independent.

Foreign ministers met Monday to formalize an agenda for the three-day summit which is expected to include discussion of falling income from tourism and the export of raw materials and President Reagan's Caribbean Basin initiative.

The initiative involves \$350 million in credits and private sector business incentives aimed at promoting political and economic stability in the region. But a large chunk of the aid is earmarked for El Salvador and Jamaica and some Caribbean leaders fear political strings may be attached to it.

CARICOM, formed in 1973, groups 12 English-speaking nations from Antigua in the north to Guyana on the South American mainland in the south. There is an inherent imbalance in CARICOM. Guyana accounts for 30 percent of the combined 100,000 square miles (260,000 square km) of territory, Jamaica for half the total population of about five million and Trinidad for well over half the aggregate gross domestic product of \$11 billion, according to 1980 figures.

The economies of Caribbean countries, many based on the attraction of their sun-drenched tropical beaches and the production of their sugar cane fields, slumped as oil prices rocketed in the 1970s and in the world recession that followed.

Non-OPEC oil production crosses 20m

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said non-OPEC oil output in the non-Communist world topped 20 million barrels per day (bpd) for the first time in September, largely on gains from Mexico and the North Sea.

PIW said OPEC managed 18.2 million bpd in September, up only fractionally from August.

Over the first nine months of 1982 total OPEC output also averaged 18.2 million bpd which was 21 percent down on 1981, the New York Trade Newsletter which is also distributed in London said.

PIW said a slight seasonal rise pushed current OPEC output to around 19.6 million bpd with short-haul rather than Gulf sellers chiefly gaining.

Looking ahead, PIW considers the OPEC total unlikely to climb much above 21 million bpd, including natural gas liquids (NGLS), this winter.

PIW said the reduction of surplus stocks of the past two years now finally seems over although the normal winter reduction of inventories is occurring.

Danes face price, income freeze

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 15 (R) — The new Dutch cabinet has proposed a freeze of prices and incomes for several months from Jan. 1, a government spokesman said Monday.

The proposal is to be discussed with trades unions and employers, but it appears likely the measure will go ahead, politicians said. The decision brought an angry reaction from unions, which said it provided a motive for strikes.

Leaders of the center-right government sworn in early this month had already said they favored a temporary freeze from January to restrain inflation and give time for discussions with employers and unions on further economic measures.

But the idea spared some misgivings in the cabinet, political sources said. The cabinet took a formal decision on the freeze late last week and informed unions and employers at the weekend.

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 15 — The American dollar opened strong on the European exchanges Monday, after a strong closing on the New York Friday night markets. The British pound was under particular strong pressure by the dollar and fell to a record low of 1.6320 in London before Bank of England support and profit-taking pushed the rate back up to 1.6370 levels. Sterling had closed at 1.6370 on Friday in New York. This renewed weakness by the pound reflected rumors in the market that British interest rates could be cut back again.

In the Eurodollar markets, dollar interest rates rose by about 1/4 percent in the short periods but later eased to close the day higher by 1/4 percent over Friday closing levels.

The one-month Eurodollar rate traded at 9 9/16-9 13/16 percent, while the one-year touched the 10 1/16 percent level. Dealing was moderate with most dealers keeping a wary eye for Monday night's expected U.S. money supply figures. These had been postponed from the traditional Friday announcements.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver had mixed dealings with both precious metals closing at lower prices compared with Friday night New York closing rates. Gold traded at \$405 an ounce — down by \$4 over Friday closing levels. Silver was more volatile at \$9.37 to \$9.40 also down from Friday's \$9.60 levels.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates firmed slightly by about 1/4 percent compared to Sunday closing levels, taking the one-week tenor to 9 1/2 - 10 percent from 9 - 9 1/2 percent rates quoted earlier last week. The week-fixed deposit was about 1/4 percent up to 9 1/4 percent levels while the one-year deposit was quoted at 9 1/4 - 10 1/4 percent. Dealing was reported quiet but spread out in most tenors and some trading was reported particularly in the 2 and 3 month periods.

The local spot rial-dollar rates were quoted at 3.4405-10 levels, slightly up over the 3.4403-08 closing levels Sunday. Commercial demand rather than inter-bank dealings led the way.

In Europe, the German mark fell to 2.5890 levels, down over Friday's 2.5860 levels, but the French franc was steady at 7.3020 levels. The Swiss franc was similarly steady at 2.2260 levels, helped by some small rises in the Swiss interest rates to 3 percent levels from 2 3/4 percent levels. The Japanese yen was again in strong demand at 267.30 levels and dealers said that it could go higher against the dollar if the U.S. discount rate is not cut this week.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 403.00
Paris 405.13
Frankfurt 405.51
Zurich 403.50
Hong Kong 403.03

BRIEFS

ROME, (R) — Italian industrial output, seasonally adjusted, rose 20.3 percent in September after a 19.6 percent fall in August, the National Statistics Institute, Istat, said. Year-on-year seasonally adjusted September output fell 5.9 percent after unchanged year-on-year output in August.

ABU DHABI, (WAM) — The National Consultative Council at its meeting Monday, approved the draft law for establishing the Bank of Credit and Commerce as a local bank. According to the law, 65 percent of the 400 million dirham capital will be submitted for subscription to the general public while 15 percent will remain for the original shareholders. The remain 20 percent will go to the BCC (Luxembourg).

LAGOS, (R) — Nigeria expects to borrow some 1.37 billion naira next year to cover its

balance of payments deficit, budget figures showed. The 1982 budget contained no provision for balance of payments borrowing. President Shugu Shagari said earlier this month the government will borrow 3.02 billion naira abroad next year for capital expenditure.

LONDON — British Ropes has received an order for the world's largest and strongest man-made fiber ropes from Conoco. The ropes will be used for a temporary mooring system for the Hutton field tension leg platform currently being constructed in Scotland, according to the company press release here Monday.

ROME, (AFP) — Italian shipping magnate Achilles Lauro died Monday in Naples at the age of 90, a family source said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Monday

Cable	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10
Bangladesh Taka	8.135
Belgian Franc (1,000)	14.67
Canadian Dollar	282.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	133.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	122.60
Egyptian Pound	3.35
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25
French Franc (100)	47.30
Greek Drachmas (1,000)	47.15
Indian Rupee (100)	46.92
Iranian Rial (100)	35.01
Iraqi Dinar	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	23.35
Japanese Yen (1,000)	12.90
Jordanian Dinar	9.44
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.75
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25
Philippine Peso (100)	39.15
Pound Sterling	5.66
Qatari Rial (100)	93.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	30.20
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	155.00
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	60.25
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45
U.S. Dollar	75.25
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.10

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As Borg dazzles in patches

Connors streaks away with title

SEATTLE, Washington, Nov. 15 (AP) — Jimmy Connors defeated Bjorn Borg, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in a terrific exhibition Sunday at the Seattle Center Coliseum. The winner picked up \$75,000 and the loser \$25,000.

Neither Connors nor Borg would talk to reporters after the match because, they said, there was not enough publicity leading up to the event, which was nationally televised in the United States. "We didn't see anything in the papers this morning, and now you want a press conference?" Why do you come out now? Borg said as he and Connors left.

The exhibition match was covered in stories which appeared in the Saturday edition of the Seattle Times newspaper and the Sunday Editions of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

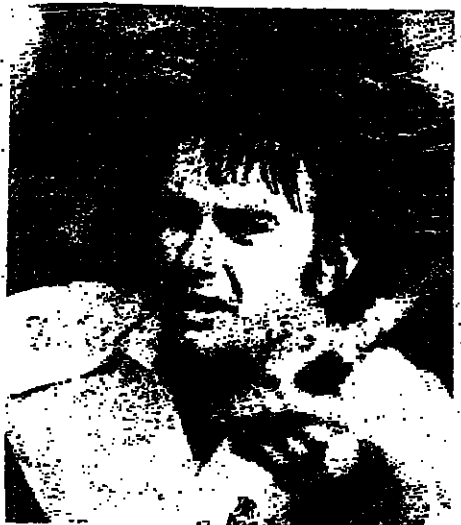
The crowd of about 5,000 boomed when it was announced the match would be the best of three sets instead of five as earlier reported. A spokesman for the promoter, W.E. Starnes and Associates of Los Angeles, said there was a misunderstanding and it was always planned as a three-set match.

Play was disrupted from time to time as balloons near hot lights exploded and fell into the court. "Was this your idea?" Connors asked Borg at one point.

The first set lasted only 39 minutes as Connors, 30, broke the 26-year-old Swede's

serve in the fifth game when Borg double faulted. With Connors leading 2-0 in the second set, Borg used his powerful serve to win the next five games and cruised to a 6-3 victory.

In the sixth game of the final set Borg overcame a 15-40 deficit with a timely ace to hold



Connors... proves too swift

serve. Connors was leading when Borg fought off two match points. Connors got the win when he hit a lob that Borg hit into the net.

Meanwhile, Peter McNamara, says he and Martina Navratilova won the lucrative \$100,000 first prize in the \$460,000 World Mixed Doubles Championships because the losing team didn't get any "free points."

"Usually, you can look to the woman for a few free points but Martina was returning everything," McNamara said Saturday after a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 victory over Sherwood Stewart and Joanne Russell in the tournament, billed as the richest event of its kind in the world. "It's hard for the other team when the woman doesn't make any errors."

Navratilova, the No. 1-ranked women's singles player in the world, played flawlessly from the beginning and was the only player in the final foursome whose serve was not broken. "We could have put them away a little easier in the third set, but even going into the tiebreaker I wasn't that worried," Navratilova said. "We were holding our serves easier than they were holding theirs, so I figured we'd be able to take away a couple of points in the tiebreaker and that's what happened."

It was the first mixed doubles title for Navratilova and McNamara's who were playing together as a team for the first time. McNamara and Navratilova won the first two sets routinely, breaking Russell in the first seven and both Russell and Stewart in the second set.

They faltered only briefly in the third set when McNamara, serving for the match at 5-3, was broken and the match eventually went to a tiebreaker.

The winners took the tiebreaker 7-5 with Navratilova providing the winner when Stewart was unable to return her serve at match point. "The girl on the other side was returning everything," Russell said of Navratilova. "I thought I played pretty well, but she made incredible gets. I thought Peter made more errors than she did."

SANG going great guns

McCosker versus Koojiman and Hasan Ali Reza versus Hermanson flashes.

Division Two for the Mobil Cup is still wide open with a total of six points separating the top five teams. Jaffa, by virtue of their recent 8-1 win over City P.C. are sitting at the top with 36 points. The Mobil players of course are planning on the Cup not leaving the company this year and are threatening the leaders with 35 points.

Wiener-Tractors have a particularly strong team and have dominated Division Three since the outset. The Italians, after their loss of form when losing 5-4 to Bell Canada, have recovered their confidence and beat a previously undefeated Sonics team 7-2.

Injury likely to force Coppell out of European Cup match

LONDON, Nov. 15 (APF) — Steve Coppell Monday became England's latest casualty before the European Championship qualifying tie with Greece in Salonika on Wednesday.

Coppell, troubled by a swollen knee, was unable to train, and disappointed England boss Bobby Robson made immediate plans for the Manchester United midfielder to see the Cambridge specialist, who operated on him earlier this season.

Robson, who also has Alan Devonshire, Phil Neal, Tony Woodcock, Kevin Martin and Kenny Sanson under treatment, decided against a replacement for Coppell.

There has been a suggestion that he would elevate Stoke's Mark Chamberlain, but the under-21 side, already named for their game against Greece in Athens Tuesday, remains undisturbed.

Robson, talking at Arsenal's London training ground before the squad left for Luton Airport, confirmed: "Coppell's knee is still swollen and painful and I decided that he wasn't fit."

Meanwhile, England include two over-age players in the under-21 side. Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey, who will

Hassan makes Koojiman sweat

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 15 — The best tennis and squash in the country come to Jeddah! This appears to be the message after the empathic success for the Jeddah tennis and squash team in the recent Asia-Af-Bilad Hotel sponsored double event.

Out of a possible 12 points for matches won in tennis event, the Jeddah team scored nine points, although three of the matches were on the verge of a forfeit loss.

The tennis match of the day was the Jeddah Nov. 15. Adrian Koojiman's victory over Dammam No. 2 Patrick Hassan. Koojiman, considered to be the Kingdom's No. 2, was defeated 6-7 in the final set by the extremely accurate Dammam player.

The next big event for Kingdom tennis fans is the Kingdom Masters event at the International Hotel in Riyadh beginning Nov. 20.

Top badminton stars for Japan tournament

TOKYO, Nov. 15 (AP) — The world's top men and women badminton players will compete in the 1983 Japan Open Badminton Championships in Yokohama next January. The Japan Badminton Association announced Monday.

Morten Frost Hansen, the reigning All-England Open men's champion, and China's Li Lingwei, the 1982 All-England Open women's finalist, will be among the contestants in the \$37,313 event, the Association said.

The four-day contest is expected to bring together ranking players from Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, England, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Singapore, Peru, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and West Germany. The event will be held from Jan. 19-22 at the Yokohama Cultural Center, south of Yokohama.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (APF) — The French team for the Davis Cup final against holders the United States to be held in Grenoble from Nov. 26-28 was named here Monday as follows: Yannick Noah, Henri Leconte, Thierry Tulasne and Gilles Muller.

LUCERNE, (APF) — Kiwanis has asked the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to change the traditional dates for the Chess Olympiad to a date clash with university term-time. The Kiwanis claim that students and the top players in many countries, but they are unable to spare the time for the Olympiad as they are involved in serious studies.

HARARE, Zimbabwe, (AP) — Zimbabwe beat the touring Sri Lanka cricket team by an innings and 40 runs in the second Test which ended here Monday, one day ahead of schedule. The first match between the two national sides ended in a draw at Bulawayo.

COLOGNE, (APF) — Denmark's Geri Frank and West German partner Wilfried Puffen won the "Cologne Night" six hours professional cycle race here Saturday night.

HALMSTAD, Sweden, (R) — Bulgarian Bigol Tagoev set two mid-heavyweight (90 kg) world records at an International Weightlifting Competition here. He snatched a world best 195 kg and a jerk of 222.5 gave him a world record total of 417.5. Cuban Daniel Nunes, the 1980 Olympic bantamweight gold medalist, equalled the world record with a snatch of 106.5 kg in the featherweight (60 kg) category.

THE HAGUE, (APF) — The United States, winners of both men's and women's individual events, won the Ennis Challenge Cup figure skating competition here finishing ahead of East Germany and the Soviet Union.



CHAMPS: The Netherlands' Rene Pijns (second from right) and Belgium's 'King of the Six-Days' Patrick Seru (right), who won the Munich Six-Days cycling event recently, together with West Germans Albert Fritz and Dietrich Thurau, who finished second, acknowledge the cheers of the fans.

WBA to probe drug use by Pryor

MIAMI, Nov. 15 (R) — The World Boxing Association (WBA) championship committee is to investigate an allegation that Aaron Pryor's handlers used illegal substances to pep up the WBA junior welterweight champion during his successful title defense against Nicaraguan Alexis Arguello Friday.

WBA vice president Mel Ziegler, who received the protest from Arguello's chief adviser, Bill Miller, said the committee would decide whether to call an emergency meeting of the WBA's executive board. The board could either reject the protest or hold hearings which could result in a re-match, he added.

At a press conference which Arguello attended, Miller said: "We feel there was obvious misconduct in Pryor's corner during the fight. We could see that he was sniffling and swallowing substances between rounds, which is in violation of WBA rules."

He said that the failure of Miami Boxing inspectors to give Pryor a mandatory urine test after the fight formed part of the protest.

Miller said the Arguello camp would submit a tape of comments by Pryor's trainer, Carl (Panama) Lewis, picked up by television microphones at the bout. Lewis said that he had given Pryor a mixture of carbonated water and tap water to help alleviate a stomach upset he suffered a few hours before the bout.

WBA spokesman Ziegler said the use of carbonated water would not constitute a violation of the rules.

Arguello, wearing a bandage over his left eye and with eight stitches and a wide bruise beneath the eye, said he had not asked for the protest to be filed. But the Nicaraguan, who was stopped in the 14th round around a grueling battle, said he found it difficult to believe Pryor could have taken so many punches if he had been bothered by a stomach upset.

Pryor's physician Dr. Ronald Cheek denied that the champion had used any illegal substances but Arguello's manager Eduardo Roman remained unconvinced. "There has to be an investigation," he said.

Hopes of Kim surviving fade

LAS VEGAS, Nevada Nov. 15 (AP) — South Korean fighter Duk Koo Kim, showing no sign of brain function or response to any stimuli, remained alive only with the help of life-support machinery while the doctor who operated on him said it would be several days before he makes a decision on shutting the machinery off.

"We want to see if we can do anything else," Dr. Lonnie Hammargren said Sunday, though adding there was "No sign of any responsiveness" and little hope Kim could survive. "What functions remain, we don't know," he added.

Kim, knocked unconscious by world boxing association lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in the 14th round of their title fight Saturday with a vicious right hand to the left side of the face, suffered a torn blood vessel and has a blood clot on one entire side of his head, according to Hammargren.

Mancini said he was praying for the 23-year-old fighter. "I pray for him and I ask the people of America and my family to pray for

him" and said, "I also pray for his family." Mancini, his voice cracking at times, said he was named by Kim's condition. "I'm very saddened, very sorry it had to happen," he said. "It hurts bad to know you're a part of it."

Mancini, wearing sunglasses to hide a bruised and swollen left eye, said his future in boxing was uncertain, adding that he was "Going to have to sit down and seriously think about it."

The 21-year-old champion emphasized he was not thinking about retiring, but was thinking about not fighting again in the near future.

Boxing Promoter Bob Arum, who staged the title fight, called for the temporary suspension of professional boxing while a blue-chip panel of medical experts studies the risks involved.

Arum said previous ring deaths occurred because the fighters were mismatched or the referee didn't stop the fight in time. This time, he added, the referee could do little. "There was no opportunity to stop this fight," he said. "It was a one-punch knockout."

Soccer results

West Germany		Austria	
Bayern Munich	0	Cologne	1
Hamburg	1	Herta BSC	1
Karlsruher	1	Wacker Bremen	2
Munich	1	VFB Stuttgart	4
Eintracht Frankfurt	2	Fortuna Dusseldorf	1
Eintracht Frankfurt	2	Borussia Dortmund	1
Bayer Leverkusen	1	Nurnberg	0
Augsburg	3	Schalke 04	2
VfL Bochum	1	Kaiserslautern	1
Belgium		Hungary	
CS Brno	2	Wareneg	1
Waterschei	0	FC Bruges	0
Beerschot	7	Boischaux	0
Antwerp	0	Standard Liege	5
FC Liege	1	Waterschei	0
RWD Molenbeek	3	Tongres	2
Conzai	3	Lierse	2
Austria		Romania	
Nesiod	1	Eisenstadt	3
Spartan	0	Austria Wien	1
Leoben	4	Wels	0
Austria Salzburg		Romania	
Laak	2	Vissers	0
Rapid	2	Gak	1
Admira Wacker	1	Vocot	1
Spartan	4	Sinninger	1
Austria Salzburg		Romania	
Laak	2	Vissers	0
Rapid	2	Gak	1
Admira Wacker	1	Vocot	1
Spartan	4	Sinninger	1
Austria Salzburg		Romania	
Laak	2	Vissers	0
Rapid	2	Gak	1
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Spartan	4	Sinninger	1

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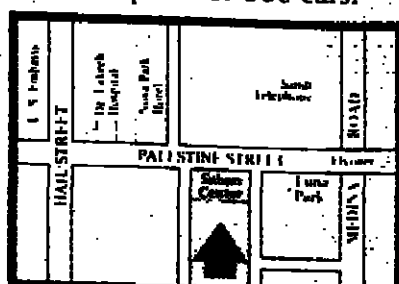
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Speedy Supersonics leave little room for Rockets to take off

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (AP) — The Seattle Supersonics, still going at top speed, left the winless Houston Rockets on the launching pad again.

The Sonics, 10-0 this season, held off a late rally to defeat the 0-8 Rockets 102-99 Sunday night. Seattle is now five victories away from equalling the best start ever by a National Basketball Association club, 15-0 by the 1948-49 Washington Capitols.

In other NBA games Philadelphia tripped Washington 102-93, Boston edged Milwaukee 100-98, Los Angeles beat Cleveland 111-98, and Phoenix downed Portland 102-94.

The Sonics, who have won all seven of their road games, building a 90-75 lead by hitting seven of their first eight shots in the fourth quarter. But Houston rallied, cutting the Seattle lead to 99-96 with nine straight points, capped by James Bailey's free throws with 1:10 to play. Williams led Seattle with 25 points. Rookie Terry Teague, making his first NBA start, led Houston with 22.

76ers 102, Bullets 93: Philadelphia won its eighth game in nine outings as Julius Erving scored 35 points and Moses Malone added 20 points and 19 rebounds against Washington.

The 76ers blew an early 13-point lead, but still had a 43-41 advantage at halftime. Then with Erving and Malone scoring nine points apiece, Philadelphia outscored the Bullets 19-10 at the start of the second half and Washington never got closer than seven points in the fourth quarter. Greg Ballard led the Bullets with 22 points.

Celtics 100, Bucks 93: Larry Bird had 20 points and 14 rebounds. The Bucks overcame a 16-point Celtic lead in the second quarter to take a 94-90 edge with 7:18 to play. But Milwaukee's scoring drought enabled Boston to come back. Free throws by Cedric Maxwell and Robert Parish broke a 98-98 tie in the final seconds. Sidney Moncrief had 22 points to lead the Bucks.

Suns 103, Blazers 94: Alvan Adams scored 22 points and Maurice Lucas added 21 as Phoenix beat Portland for its fourth victory in a row. The Suns, 8-2 never trailed, although the Trail Blazers got within two points on several occasions in the third quarter after being led by as many as 13 in the first half. A 10-9 sport by the Suns to start the fourth quarter.

World best splash
BLACKPOOL, East Germany, Nov. 15 (AP) — East Germany's Sven Lodziewski, 27, set a new world best performance for the 100-meter freestyle of 3:44.74 at an International Swimming Meeting in the 25-meter Neptune Pool here.

quarter kept them in control. Darrell Valentine and Calvin Natt scored 20 points apiece for Portland.

Lakers 111, Cavaliers 98: Jamaal Wilkes scored 30 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 25 more to lead Los Angeles over Cleveland. The Lakers, 7-0 since a season-opening loss, handed the Cavaliers their seventh loss in eight starts. An 18-2 streak at the end of the first quarter put Los Angeles ahead 32-18 and the Lakers never led by less than even thereafter.



Erving ... 76ers' top marksman

NBA at a glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
Philadelphia	W	L	Pct.	GB	San Antonio	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	8	1	.889	—	Kansas City	3	3	.500	1 1/2
New Jersey	7	2	.778	1	Dallas	4	5	.444	2
Washington	5	2	.500	3 1/2	Denver	3	6	.333	3
New York	2	7	.222	6	Utah	2	6	.250	3 1/2
					Houston	0	8	.000	5 1/2
Central Division					Pacific Division				
Detroit	W	L	Pct.	GB	Seattle	10	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	1 1/2	Los Angeles	7	1	.875	1 1/2
Atlanta	4	4	.500	2	Phoenix	8	2	.800	2 1/2
Indiana	4	4	.500	2	Golden State	4	4	.500	4 1/2
Chicago	3	6	.333	3 1/2	Portland	4	6	.400	6
Cleveland	1	7	.125	5	San Diego	1	8	.111	8 1/2

Dean Williams shocks Zaman

BIRMINGHAM, England, Nov. 15 (AP) — Australia's top squash player, Dean Williams, scored the win of his life Sunday by defeating third-seeded Qamar Zaman of Pakistan in the World Open Championships quarterfinals. Williams, 26, was seeded sixth.

Playing fast and aggressively, Williams recovered when two games down in the quarterfinals to take the match 6-9, 5-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-2 at the National Exhibition Center in Birmingham. He got a standing ovation from the 1,500 crowd, the largest-ever audience at a squash tournament in Britain.

Zaman, 31, a former world No. 1, captured the British Open in 1975 and since then had lost to only one non-Pakistani, Australia's Geoff Hunt. "It was my worst defeat," Zaman said after Sunday's match.

The 18-year-old defending champion, Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, reached the semifinals with a 9-2, 9-7, 9-6 win over Britain's Phil Kenyon, the last home player left in the event.

Penguins, Sabres in thrilling tie

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (AP) — Pittsburgh's Dave Shedd scored with 2:08 left to play to lift the Penguins a 6-6 tie with the Buffalo Sabres in National Hockey League action Sunday.

In other matches, left winger Morris Lukowich scored two third-period goals and assisted on another as Winnipeg Jets edged Vancouver Canucks 6-5. The win was the Jets' second in as many nights over the division rival Vancouver in a rare back-to-back series.

Wayne Gretzke had two goals and two assists and Paul Coffey added two goals and one assist to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a 7-2 victory over the New York Rangers. Marcel Dionne scored on a 25-footer (7:6 meters) 1:49 into the final period to help the Los Angeles Kings take a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Defenseman Ray Bourque, playing in only his fifth game since a head injury scored two goals and assisted on two others, leading the Boston Bruins to a 7-3 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Willis not happy with Pringle, Cowans

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 15 (AP) — England captain Bob Willis says he's disappointed with the Test bowling performances of second string pacemen Derek Pringle and Norman Cowans.

Willis, speaking in Perth during the Test rest day, said the inexperience of the pair had 'shone through' in the Australian innings on Sunday, the third day of the first Test here at the WACA ground. "Both Pringle's and Cowans' overs should have cost less runs — their effort put too much pressure on Geoff Miller, who bowled well under the circumstances," he said.

Lanky Nairobi-born Pringle, 24, sent down ten medium-fast overs which cost 37 runs, while Jamaican-born Cowans, 21, had 54 runs hammered from his 13 overs. Both bowlers were mauled by Greg Chappell and Kim Hughes, Chappell racing within sight of his 21st Test century with three quick boundaries from Cowans' bowling.

"It was their first Test in Australia — I sympathise with Cowans — he was worked up and under great nervous tension," said Willis.

"I would rather be looking at six for about 310 than 333, but we are into the tail now and a result is possible if we remove either David Hookes or Geoff Lawson early Tuesday," said Willis. At stumps Sunday Hookes was not out 35 and Lawson not out four.

Willis defended his decision to omit spinner Eddie Hemmings and take four pacemen into the match. "We picked four seamers and hoped to bowl first. History suggests that seamers win matches here," Willis said.

The England captain said he was surprised how well the wicket had played. "And the cracks haven't widened to any extent," he said. But he said he would have sent Australia in had he won the toss. Commenting on Chappell's decision to send England in, Willis said: "It's not bad tactics to put the other side in."

Meanwhile, Australian captain Greg

France makes one change

PARIS, Nov. 15 (APF) — France have made one change in the side to play Argentina in the second Test match of the Pumas tour at the Parc des Princes, Paris on Nov. 20. Patrick Salas comes in at second row for Daniel Youlier, who injured his ribs in the first Test at Toulouse Sunday which France won 25-12.

In the match, French fell behind as early as the first minute, were 9-0 down within a minute of half-time, scored a timely try to put them back in the match, and then took the initiative in the second half, finally scoring four tries to Argentina's one.

The game had hardly started when Erhani was adjudged offside, and Argentine captain Hugo Porta opened the scoring with a penalty. Ten minutes later, Travaglini rounded off a sweeping 70-meter move to touch down for a try, converted by Porta to put the Argentines 9-0 ahead.

The Argentines continued to dominate and it was only a minute from the interval that France opened their account, Sella going over for a try after a long through kick from Camberabero.

France added a second try two minutes into the second half, to reduce the Argentine lead to one point, when Esteve finished off a cross-field move involving Martinez, Camberabero and Sella. Ten minutes later, France went ahead for the first time in the match when full-back Blanco kicked a penalty.

Two minutes later, the Argentines took the lead for the last time as Porta kicked another penalty from 40 yards, but that was overhauled three minutes later with a Camberabero penalty for France. France then added 11 points without reply in the last 18 minutes of

Chappell has promised all fans good cricket this season — but the promise is conditional. Chappell said: "We will do our very best to play good cricket if cricket lovers stay on their side of the fence."

He made his appeal when he expressed his distress at the WACA ground invasion which resulted in the injury to paceman Terry Alderman, who has been sidelined from this and the second Test.

"You can't blame Terry — what he did was instinctive — it's all very sad," said Chappell. He said ground authorities must ensure that the ugly scene at the WACA is not repeated

elsewhere in Australia. "How can we be critical of crowds on the recent tour of Pakistan if we can't control our own?" he asked.

Chappell can see only a draw in the Test, which resumes Tuesday. He is disappointed that the Australian total wasn't higher. "I thought Kim Hughes and I could have put Australia in a winning position by the end of play on Sunday. "If we could have maintained the tempo it was on," he said.

Chappell said he and Ian Botham needed one another during the Australian skipper's century. "I had great delight in hitting him for six," admitted Chappell.

In World Shooting

Stenvaag blots Russian pad

CARACAS, Nov. 15 (R) — The Soviet Union's hopes of completing their domination of the World Shooting Championships with their 35th gold medal in the final event, the men's standard rifle, were dashed by Harald Stenvaag Sunday.

Stenvaag earned Sweden their second gold medal of the two-week long tournament with a score of 579 points. American Lones Wigger took the silver with 574 and Vladimir Lvov of the Soviet Union the bronze with 573.

Despite failing to put the icing on the cake with a win Sunday, the Soviet squad gave an outstanding display of marksmanship overall to collect 65 medals — 45 more than the United States, second in the medals table with only three gold, nine silver and eight bronze — and a crop of world records.

A spokesman for the International Shooting Union said that the Soviet successes had been "fully expected." He added: "They had trained hard for the Moscow Olympic and continued on their way up after that competi-

tion. The Americans, on the other hand, did not participate in the Olympics and are now on their way down."

One of the world records broken by the Russians had stood since 1966. It came in the small-bore free rifle standing position, the Soviet team scoring 1,504 points to break the record of 1,478 set by the United States.

The men's running deer team event also earned the Soviet Union a world record. Their score of 1,556 bettered the previous mark of 1,550 set by a Soviet team last year.

Anton Dedov of the Soviet Union, the gold medal winner, was one of four competitors to improve the world best in the individual event. Dadd, compatriot Victor Kadenatov, Jerry Greszkiewicz of Poland, and Anton Dolechall from Hungary also scored 392 points, one more than the previous best.

Vladis Turis was arguably the Russians' top marksman here. He won three gold medals, broke the world record for the men's 10 meters air pistol event and equaled the world best for the standard pistol (60 shots).

How they finished

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Soviet Union	3	16	15	8
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Sweden	2	2	1	3
Spain	2	2	1	0
Norway	1	4	4	6
China	1	3	3	3
Britain	1	3	3	1
Hungary	1	3	3	1
Australia	1	1	1	0
Finland	1	0	0	2
Switzerland	1	0	2	2
France	0	2	2	2
Poland	0	1	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	0
Canada	0	1	0	0
Austria	0	0	0	1

Britain slaps two-year ban on Gray

BLACKPOOL, England, Nov. 15 (Agencies) — English international swimmer Andy Gray was Sunday banned from swimming for Britain for two years.

Gray failed a routine drug test at the Scottish National Championships in Edinburgh in August and was immediately barred from swimming in Scotland for two years by the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association, and Sunday the British federation, meeting here this weekend, extended the ban to cover British international competition.

The Scottish Federation's decision came after Gray finished third in both the 1500 meters freestyle and the 4 x 100 meters individual medley at Edinburgh, but subsequently failed the routine drug test. Meanwhile, it was learnt in Sydney that

Australia's world champion water skier, Susan Fieldhouse, was killed in a car accident.

Police believe Fieldhouse, 28, who held the world ski slalom record, was returning from a waterski meeting at Lake Moodemere in Victoria when the accident occurred Sunday.

Fieldhouse was killed instantly when the car in which she was travelling left the road and smashed into a tree, police said.

Fieldhouse had competed in five world titles and won more than a dozen national events. These included eight slalom championships, her favorite event. Last year, she smashed the world women's slalom record when she rounded an amazing 31.5 buoys during the international titles in England.

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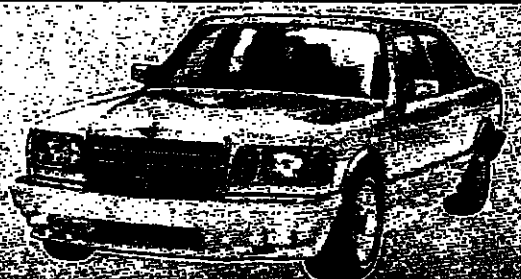
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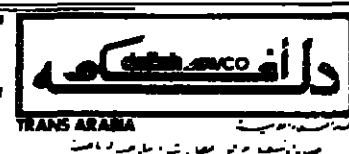
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First step in prisoner swap

Angolan rebels free two Soviet airmen

REBEL-HELD. SOUTHERN ANGOLA, Nov. 15 (AP) — Pro-Western guerrilla leader Jonas Savimbi handed over two Soviet airmen to the Red Cross Monday to clear the way for the release of three Americans held by Angola's Marxist government.

Releasing the Soviets was to trigger a complicated prisoner exchange that Savimbi said would be viewed as a breakthrough for U.S. policy in southern Africa.

He said nations involved in two conflicts, the black nationalist movement to win independence for Southwest Africa and Savimbi's anti-government guerrilla struggle within Angola, were making concessions by freeing captives at the urging of the Americans. The United States has been leading efforts by five Western nations to arrange an end to the 16-year conflict in Southwest Africa, also known as Namibia.

Savimbi said the Angolan government has agreed to free three imprisoned Americans in exchange for the Soviets' release.

Once that is accomplished, he said, the white minority government of South Africa will free about 90 Angolan regular soldiers and Soviet Sgt. Maj. Nikolai Petretsov, who was captured by the South Africans during a September, 1981, firefight in southern Angola.

Angola says Savimbi is backed by South Africa, but the Pretoria government denies aiding him militarily. Many arms Savimbi has amassed in the past two years were left behind by South African forces after raids into Angola.

Speaking in a thatched-roof hut that serves as headquarters for his National Union for

Sikh factions clash in Canada

TORONTO, Canada, Nov. 15 (AP) — One man has been charged with three counts of attempted murder after four persons, including a plainclothes policeman, were wounded in a shooting during a demonstration by members of India's Sikh minority.

A man opened fire in a crowd of more than 100 persons at one of Toronto's busiest intersections on Sunday as they prepared to urn an effigy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. It was the second shooting in even months involving the Toronto Sikh community. The shooting erupted during a clash between two rival groups in front of building that houses the Indian consulate.

The demonstration was called to protest treatment of Sikhs in Punjab state the northwestern India. Two opposing Sikh factions had staked out positions when the shooting started about 4 p.m. (2100 GMT).

The Khalistan faction, which alleges police violence against Punjabis in India and calls for an autonomous Punjabi state, was led by a man with Mrs. Gandhi's effigy. But as the crowd shouted "Indira Gandhi Should Die," another group countered: "Long Live Indian Unity."

At that point shots rang out "like a string of crackers," said one police officer. Police said they weren't sure if more than one person fired shots.

the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) somewhere in the southern Angola bush, Savimbi said "we agreed to release the two Russians because the American administration of President (Ronald) Reagan has asked us insistently since last November. They contacted me directly because they wanted to get their citizens out of Angolan jails."

Gary Acker, 28, and Argentine-born Gustavo Grillo, 36, went to Angola as mercenaries during Angola's 1976 Civil War. The third American was believed to be pilot Geoffrey Tyler, 32, whose light plane made a forced landing in the Angolan bush in 1981.

Savimbi handed over the two Russians to Dr. Piet Smit, president of the South African Red Cross, under a banner saying, "Let's stop the Soviet mad dream," a reference to the spread of East bloc influence in mineral-rich southern Africa.

The Soviet airmen, with long hair and beards, appeared to be in good condition. Both said they suffered back injuries when shot down by Savimbi's guerrillas in 1980.

Kohl hails curbs lifting

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl Monday welcomed the lifting of the sanctions against companies involved in building the Soviet natural gas pipeline shortly before he began talks here with President Ronald Reagan. Kohl said in an interview on ABC television that the end of the embargo, announced by Reagan last Saturday, was "correct" and it was "very important to honor contracts and agreements."

The administration hopes Kohl's visit, his first since becoming West German leader, will strengthen relations between America and its European allies, and allow discussions on the future of East-West relations in the aftermath of the changes in Moscow's leadership.

Before meeting with Reagan, Chancellor Kohl, in Washington for a three-day visit, had discussions with Federal Reserve Bank chairman Paul Volcker on international financial questions and interest rates. Kohl also met AFL-CIO trade union confederation leader Lane Kirkland for talks on protectionism notably in the car industry and later will discuss progress at the Geneva European disarmament talks with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Kohl is expected to discuss trans-Atlantic ties with President Reagan. Another sensitive subject certain to arise during Kohl's first visit to the United States since he replaced Helmut Schmidt as chancellor on Oct. 1 is Bonn's contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), U.S. officials said.

While West Germany and its NATO partners have pledged a three percent real annual growth in military spending, the new center-right government in Bonn said last month its 1983 defense budget will rise by less than one percent, after taking account of inflation.

Shuttle suit snag aborts space walk Oxygen fan 'turns bad' Orbiting station planned

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Nov. 15 (AP) — Mission control canceled a long-awaited joint space walk by the two U.S. shuttle astronauts after serious problems developed Monday morning in NASA's new generation, 2-million-dollar space suits.

It was the first test of the shuttle suits, which have had a history of development troubles that more than doubled their cost.

NASA officials were considering the possibility of extending the shuttle mission for one extra day, to Wednesday, if the suits can be fixed later Monday. This would allow a Tuesday space walk, but the scenario was "not too likely," an official said. At the time, the suits were still out of whack.

Glynn Lunney, manager of shuttle operations for NASA, said the chance to extend the mission until Wednesday was remote, but not out of the question.

One suit, worn by Joseph Allen, had a bad oxygen fan, and its "motor boating" sound was clearly audible to mission control. The trouble with the second suit, donned by William Lenoir, could only be seen on a gauge. Officials said a regulator indicated low pressure.

When Allen's fan broke down, his walk was canceled, but officials wanted Lenoir to test his suit in a "standstill" by moving out into Columbia's airlock, the ship's doorstep to space. That also had to be scrubbed, "this isn't our day for suits," said Lenoir.

The shuttle's fifth flight is scheduled to end Tuesday with the space walk its only disappointment.

The suit problems began shortly after Allen and Lenoir moved into the shuttle airlock to prepare for America's first space walk in nine years, a 3-hour stroll in the shuttle's open 60-foot cargo bay. The fan worked for a few minutes, then slowed, then stopped. The fan is located in a life support backpack attached to the bulky suit. Its function is to maintain a flow of oxygen through the suit while the spacemen are outside.

The suits were developed by Hamilton standard division of United Technologies under an original 46.9-million-dollar NASA contract covering 43 suits and 13 life-support systems. Problems, including an oxygen fire in an unmanned suit and a pressure leak because of failed stitching contributed to cost overruns that have pushed the overall price to more than \$107 million.

The excursion had already been delayed a day because of Lenoir's stomach queasiness. Cameras showed him Sunday looking stronger and far happier than on Saturday floating barefoot, with a board clipped to his pants. He was ready to go Monday morning, to no avail.

The purpose of the space walk is to test the space suits, tools and techniques for future astronauts who will repair satellites and build structures in orbit.

BRIGHTON, England, Nov. 15 (AP) — With the success of its space shuttle performance, the United States is embarking on an ambitious venture to orbit a space station the size of a six-room house by 1990 and send larger space stations to explore the moon and Mars by 2025, a top NASA scientist said.

U.S. Navy Capt. Robert Freitag, deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's space station task force, said the shuttle will provide the transportation, and the space station will serve as a base and launching pad to explore the planets and, eventually, the stars.

"This is something that everyone who envisions living in space looks forward to," he said. "It's the principal focus of the American program."

Freitag told the 50th anniversary meeting of the British Interplanetary Society in this seaside resort city that "friendly countries" expected to join the project are currently being asked about design features they'd like in the space station. These include Japan, Canada, West Germany, France and the 11-member European Space Agency, he said.

The space stations will serve as an operations base and laboratory for scientific experiments and manufacturing "and in the long haul, in a couple of decades, it could even be a hotel," Freitag said.

The stations also will be used as garages to bring in and service the dozens of other unmanned satellites orbiting the earth and as construction sites to build new space stations.

Thomas Paine, former NASA director during the Apollo program and now a private consultant, told the 350 delegates to the society conference that exploration of the planets and stars will not be just a NASA operation but "an equal partnership with the wealthy nations," who will share their findings data on natural resources, for example with the Third World.

Former astronaut Donald "Deke" Slayton, who flew in the joint U.S.-Soviet Apollo-Soyuz test project in 1979, said: "I've always envisioned the mission to Mars as a joint mission... I believe that as long as we're working together on something constructive, we're not fighting. It would be nice if we could make it happen."

Paine, who noted that a Soviet cosmonaut on a Salyut orbiting space laboratory set an endurance record Sunday of 186 days in space, said it's "even money" that a Soviet spaceship will land on one of the moons of Mars by the year 2000.

Freitag said NASA would probably decide in late 1983 or early 1984 on plans and financing for the first space station, which would take about seven years to build "and then, in 1990 become operational."

Pertini sounding leaders on new coalition

ROME, Nov. 15 (AP) — President Sandro Pertini on Monday began consultations with political leaders on forming Italy's 43rd postwar government.

By tradition, the president meets with former premiers and party leaders before naming someone to succeed Giovanni Spadolini, who resigned as premier Saturday. The 57-year-old Republican, the first non-Christian Democrat premier since 1945, will stay on in a caretaker capacity until Pertini names a premier-designate to try to form a government.

The first to huddle with Pertini at the Quirinal Palace was former Social Democrat President Giuseppe Saragat. After a brief session, Pertini received another former premier, Giovanni Leone, a Christian Democrat.

Among others also scheduled to meet with Pertini were Nilde Jotti, the Communist speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and representatives of small parties including Spadolini's Republicans, Liberals, Social Democrats and extreme left splinter groups. The consultations are scheduled to last two days, but could last longer.

Spadolini's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals lasted only 11 weeks. It fell because of squabbling between the Domini-

tie France to South Africa financially for well into the next century. *Liberation* said the final decision would probably be up to President Francois Mitterrand early next year. He is reported to be generally against the deal.

South Africa's first nuclear power station, at Koeberg near Cape Town, is expected to start operating soon. The signature of the multimillion-dollar contract in 1976 attracted much hostility from black African states, but Mitterrand's Socialist administration decided to honor the agreement when it came to power 18 months ago.

Against protest from anti-apartheid groups, the government allowed the shipping of a reactor vessel and the supply of fuel to Koeberg.

ant Christian Democrats and Socialists and on how to deal with Italy's 17 percent inflation, 9.2 percent unemployment and public debt projected at 70 trillion lire (\$50 billion).

Most political observers predict that Pertini will pick a Christian Democrat, Italy's largest party with 38 percent of the vote, rather than give Spadolini another chance or call elections before those scheduled in 1984.

Corriere della Sera, Italy's leading daily and *La Stampa* of Turin both said the front-runner appeared to be four-time Premier, Amintore Fanfani, the 74-year-old Christian Democrat president of the Senate.

However, there was also speculation that Socialist leader Bettino Craxi may be given a chance. The Socialists hold the key to any government because the Christian Democrats do not have a majority and have consistently refused a coalition with the Communists, the third largest party with 30 percent of the vote.

However, the Socialists and the Christian Democrats have been at loggerheads for years on economic programs and their fighting has brought down the last two governments. Basically, the Socialists want to increase taxes without cutting public spending to save jobs, while the Christian Democrats want to cut spending even if it means higher unemployment.

That split has led many observers to predict that the next government will not last very long and that early elections will be held in the spring. The Socialists are believed anxious for the elections to take advantage of the trend that has swept Socialists into power in France, Greece and Spain.

French split over S. Africa N-plant

PARIS, Nov. 15 (AP) — A plan to sell a second French nuclear power station to South Africa has split the government here and threatens to wreck France's credibility in black Africa, the left-wing daily *Liberation* reported Monday.

The paper said that the plan was being backed by Industry and Research Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement, who sees advantages in the 4,000 jobs the program would provide, and strongly opposed by External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and Foreign Aid Minister Jean-Pierre Cot.

Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert and Finance Minister Jacques Delors are said to be unaffected by political or moral issues, but are worried about an operation which would

reforms he was trying to implement. "I can only reiterate what I said in the parliament a month ago," the general was quoted as saying. "Trade unions will be as working people will want them to be."

Gen. Jaruzelski added: "There is only one proviso, clear to anyone who knows how to think in political terms — the labor movement cannot become a screen for destructive and chauvinistic forces, hostile to the very cause of socialism."

"Incidentally, I cannot but voice my astonishment that most Western media should picture the trade union law recently adopted by the parliament in such a biased way. Perhaps many of those who shed tears over the reform of Poland's labor movement on sounder and more rational foundations simply have not read the text of the bill."

Urban support to Ratsiraka slipping

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar, Nov. 15 (AP) — President Didier Ratsiraka, re-elected democratically last week to a second seven-year term with 80 percent of the vote, has, by liberalizing the political process in Madagascar, risked seeing some of his support erode.

Ratsiraka, a 46-year-old naval officer, was elected in 1975 with 95 percent of the vote during a referendum that also voted approval for the Indian Ocean island's present constitution.

Although he won 80 percent of the 4,150,000 votes cast in the Nov. 7 elections, a comfortable margin, the 800,000 votes that went to his opponent could spell trouble in future, particularly since most of the opposition strength was concentrated in Madagascar's urban centers.

Monja Jaona, 72, a southerner and one of the country's original nationalists, campaigned hard by denouncing the present regime's mistakes, which he said were corruption, nepotism, insecurity, inflation, poor

quality of education and the lack of consumer goods in the markets.

For the moment, many islanders are watching carefully to see if Ratsiraka will continue with his democratic experiment and take into account the serious warning of the Nov. 7 elections, or if he will perceive the result as a threat and clamp down.

The big cities, where the repercussions of the economic crisis are felt the most, represent the biggest risk to Ratsiraka. Voters there gave half of the vote to Jaona in spite of heavy campaigning by political leaders supporting the president.

And in the capital, Antananarivo, Ratsiraka won only 3,785 votes out of 245,399. Antananarivo is seen as a fertile ground for the budding opposition movement.

Obviously, the electorate will be watching the president closely to see if he follows through on campaign promises to come to grips with the economic situation. It would seem that the future stability of his government depends on it.

End torture, OAS asked

LONDON, Nov. 15 (AP) — The Organization of American States was urged Monday by Amnesty International to insist that its members end torture, government-ordered killing and other violations of human rights.

London-based A.I. which campaigns for the release of political prisoners around the world, said in a news release it raised the issue in an open letter to the heads of delegations to the OAS general assembly, opening Monday in Washington.

The release said the letter asked that the 28 member countries in the OAS "stop flouting international standards which ban torture, government-ordered killing and the 'disappearance' of political prisoners."

A.I. praised the role of the OAS in setting human rights standards, but said there is an urgent need to insist that member nations adhere to these standards in practice. "The failure of governments to respect the standards of the organization, its conventions and recommendations, is a challenge to the authority of the OAS which the general assembly cannot ignore," the letter said.

Despite repeated OAS recommendations, some governments had declared that national security could override their own laws and international law, while violent opposition in some countries was used to "justify counteraction which itself has been far outside the law," the letter said.

The open letter went on: "peaceful opposition has, in some countries, been branded the equivalent of 'terrorism' and has been used as a pretext to introduce policies which have violated the right to life, the right to personal liberty and the right to humane treatment. 'Illegal methods to combat political and ideological enemies have come to be regular practices,' it said.

The letter claimed there has been systematic torture in Uruguay and Chile, among others, that Argentina and Chile failed to account for people who had disappeared and that El Salvador and Guatemala carried out large numbers of illegal and arbitrary executions.

The letter welcomed elements of a draft convention defining torture as an international crime, which it said the OAS general assembly is to consider.

Reuters grants four fellowships

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — Reuters, the world news organization, Monday announced the establishment of the Reuters Foundation to award university fellowships to journalists from developing countries. Reuters has committed one million sterling (\$1.65 million) to the foundation.

The first fellowships — two at Oxford University, England, and two at Stanford University, California — will be granted for the academic year beginning next September. The successful candidates will spend an year studying technical and other subjects beneficial to their work in journalism.

Reuters managing director, Glen Rinfrew, said the company planned to extend the fellowships to a French-speaking university in France or Canada in 1984.

Applications are invited from journalists with at least five years' experience in newspapers, news agencies, magazines or broadcasting organizations, aged between 25 and 40, proficient in English. They must be citizens of countries outside Europe, North America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The final date for receipt of applications is Dec. 31, 1982.

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